

A woman with blonde hair in a ponytail, wearing a plaid shirt and jeans, is sitting on the grass and leaning against a large tree trunk. She is smiling and looking down at an open book she is holding. In the foreground, three graduates in black gowns and caps are visible, looking towards the woman. The background shows a grassy area with trees and a building in the distance.

It's Time...

Bethel College Thresher 2000



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...for a yearbook



I mean honestly, did you really think you were going to get a yearbook on time? Oh my goodness--you did--that is so cute! Okay, so there was an actual attempt made to finish it, but definitely not on time. It's pretty tough to complete a yearbook when the disk with the only copy gets lost in a dirty pile of clothes. Yes, you read correctly--dirty clothes.

Well, needless to say, a reissuing of leadership was greatly needed. That's when the job was handed over to us--Megan Mowery and Shelly Weibert.

We took over the task of finishing "an almost complete yearbook" over half a year after it should have come out. Upon beginning our work, we discovered the yearbook file had been lost and we basically would be starting from scratch.

Despite this early setback, we encountered even more problems as we went along. Corrupted files, frozen macs, and crashed servers were just a few of the obstacles we struggled to overcome--loosing more than 50 hours of work. Nevertheless, our two months of hundreds of hours in the journalism lab were nothing but memorable, especially in the end when we were awake for over 40 hours straight to make our final deadline.

Deadline? On a late yearbook? Believe it or not we had one--just nine months after it should have been completed. Heaven forbid we stray from the Bethel College tradition and produce a yearbook on time.
-Megan Mowery (Editor) & Shelly Weibert (Assistant Editor)



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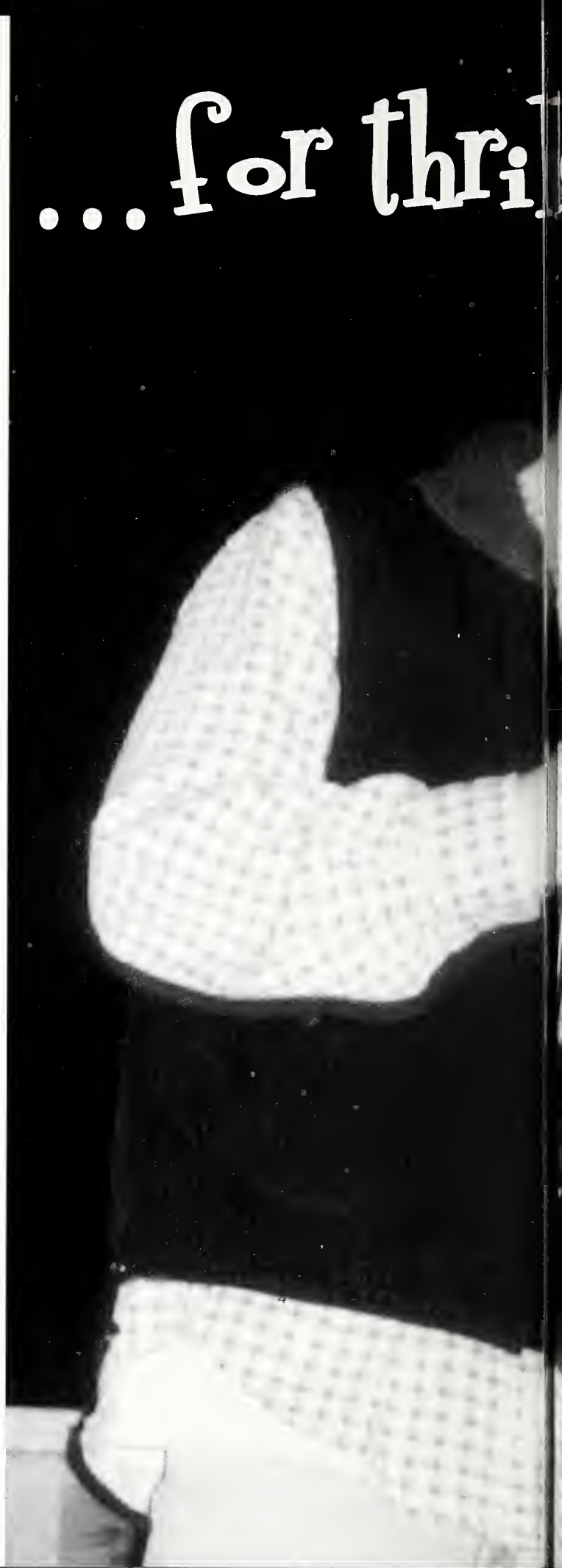
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Fall Festival

For many years, residents of Newton and the surrounding areas have awaited Fall Festival weekend at Bethel College with great anticipation. And this year was no exception.

As always, there were numerous opportunities for students and families to have a thrilling time. The annual event began with Taste of Newton downtown on Friday night.

On Saturday, kids were entertained with a petting zoo, a sand art booth, and cool pet tricks. Food was sold by many clubs and churches, including a low-German meal held

in Thresher Gym. There were many booths that sold crafts, books, and antiques from sellers here in Newton. The Cotton Patch Gospel was performed Saturday afternoon and included Bethel students in the musical. The Thresher Jazz band played, while various choirs sang as well.

Clubs also were involved by setting up booths to sell food and drinks, which gave students the opportunity to participate in the event. The weekend ended with a very close football game against Bethany College here at home. By Kendal Johnson



right: Geoffrey Ramsey, freshman, plays bass in the Thresher Jazz Band in one of the many colorful tents set up around the green.
above: A talented animal trainer wows youngsters with his tricks.





top: Junior **Jake Reid** and German professor **Merle Schlebaugh** serve German sausages at the annual Fall Festival.

left: Freshman **McKormic McCune** and junior **Jesse Henry** spend part of Fall Fest working at a booth.
above: Bethel supporters brave the cold and rain to experience the annual Fall Fest.



top: Nathan Bartel, Corey Lamb, Collin Waltner, Paul Ortman, and Keith Hiebner came dressed from Bible times.

right: Juniors Chris Friesen and Allison Epp gaze into each others eyes in Bubberts during the Halloween dance.

above: Ginger Trummel, Trisha Clark, Sarah Harton, Riann Hill, Rachel Janzen, and Shelese Stucky arrived in style at the dance as "hoodrats."

Halloween

The Halloween festivities kicked off Friday night with the second annual Macabre. Students clad in black gathered in the chapel in order to participate in this musical performance. Some came to perform and others were there to watch, but all were there to celebrate the dark, mysterious, and scary side of music.

Saturday night, the Halloween celebration was invaded by ghost, nuns, princesses, and many other characters who were participating in the annual festivities. The dance and costume contest drew great numbers of Bethel students decked out in their Halloween attire. Bubberts was flooded with country bumpkins, gangsters, the headless horseman herself, and cave people (just

to name a few). Everyone came out to get a groove on and dance the night away.

The results for the costume contest were Mark Schmidt as a construction barrel for the individual, Jonathan Wiebe and Aaron Voth as Mark Smith for best couple, and the oh-so-pretty Peter Schlegel and his group for their reenactment of a low budget "Wizard of Oz" as the best group award.

People danced and partied the night away until finally, at the stroke of midnight, it was officially Halloween. After the dance, the Halloween festivities were carried on through the night by the various get-togethers Bethel students attended. To say the least, Halloween was brought in with a bang. By Sarah Schroeder.



left: Freshmen Tina Troyer, Annie Thompson, Rachel Yoder, Amber Schrag, Elisa Ramberg, and Sarah Shorthill were among the individual entries in the costume contest.

above: Halie Schmidt, Kristin Bohnenblust, Becky Esau, Megan Goering, Krisha Keimig, and Heidi Fowler take a moment to pray between dances.

Anything Goes

The Anything Goes competition has become a tradition for Fall Festival weekend. This event is sponsored by SAB and is always well attended by students. Friday afternoon classes are cancelled and the student body is able to participate in some thrilling and messy games to win T-shirts.

Some of the wild and crazy activities this year included the three-legged race, a chugging V-8 contest, a whipped cream fight, and a very intriguing relay called "suck and blow."

Team members had to suck pudding into their mouth, and then blow it into a bottle held in the mouth of a second member of their team.

This year's Anything Goes champions were the team of Casson Schmidt, Goessel, Brian Zerger, Newton, Joel Smith, New Carlisle, Ind., Pat Flaming, Hillsboro, Todd Zerger, McPherson, Allison Epp, Beatrice, Neb., Coach Tracy Anderson, Tanya Keim, Hesston, and Joni Johnson, Hillsboro. By Kendall Johnson



right: **Erica Stucky, Michael Ducett, and Jared Smith** compete in the challenging four-legged race.

above: Sophomore **Casson Schmidt, Goessel,** chows down on a tasty pie.





top: Freshman **Ryan Bartel** participates in the crazy Anything Goes competition.
left: Senior **Peter Schlegel** raises his hands in victory.
above: Bethel students straddle one another in a game of leap frog.



top: Sophomores **Megan Terick, Heidi Fowler, Becky Esau, Halie Schmidt, Megan Goering, Kristin Bohnenblust, and Krisha Keimig** dazzled their dates in their fancy get-ups.

right: **Michael Ducett and Keith Hiebner** acted as the jesters of the Christmas Festival dinner, humoring the audience with their medieval jams.

above: **McKormic McCune, Sarah Renich, Jenika Schmidt, and Megan Mowery** took a break from dancing to have a Kodak moment.

Christmas Festival

The Bethel College Christmas tradition continued this year with the annual Christmas Festival and the Winter Frolic.

Students gathered in Memorial Hall Friday evening for a medieval style dinner and enchanting entertainment. The event was displayed as a "traditional processional entrances of main courses with an Old English feast and costumed characters," explained Arlo Kasper, overseer of the night's entertainment.

In attendance as "Lord and Lady of the House" were Douglas Penner, president of Bethel, and his wife, Raylene Hinz-Penner, associate for institutional advancement. In

addition to the costumes, there was a flaming boar's head, a stretching feast, banners, and festive decorations to accentuate the medieval theme.

For entertainment, various Bethel student choirs performed, while a jester was also present to humor the crowd.

Following the dinner, students returned to present-day to dance the night away. The Winter Frolic was held in the library and DJed by junior Dave Baker, Hillsboro.

"The library was so crowded, but I had a really great time at the dance," said freshman Nicole Patton, Wichita. "All the little snacks were definitely a nice break from dance floor." By Megan Mowery



left: Freshman **Michael Ducett** played the part of the jester, while associate for institutional advancement, **Raylene Hinz-Penner** acted as "Lady of the House."
above: Juniors **Jerol Schrag** and **Becky Friesen** chatted with their friends between performances at the Christmas Festival dinner.

Pioneer

As Bethel College said goodbye to the Marriott cooking staff last year, they welcomed the new faces of Pioneer College Caterers this year. Pioneer, which was established in 1973, made it their mission only to serve small Christian colleges and universities.

Bill Born, dean of students, stated that "Pioneer got our account because they spent one day on our campus and were able to sense the student needs here weren't being met."

The company's philosophy, "Never say no," was the perfect policy for a needed change at Bethel. "We always find a way to accomplish what the customer wants," explained Marty Williams, the district supervisor for Pioneer.

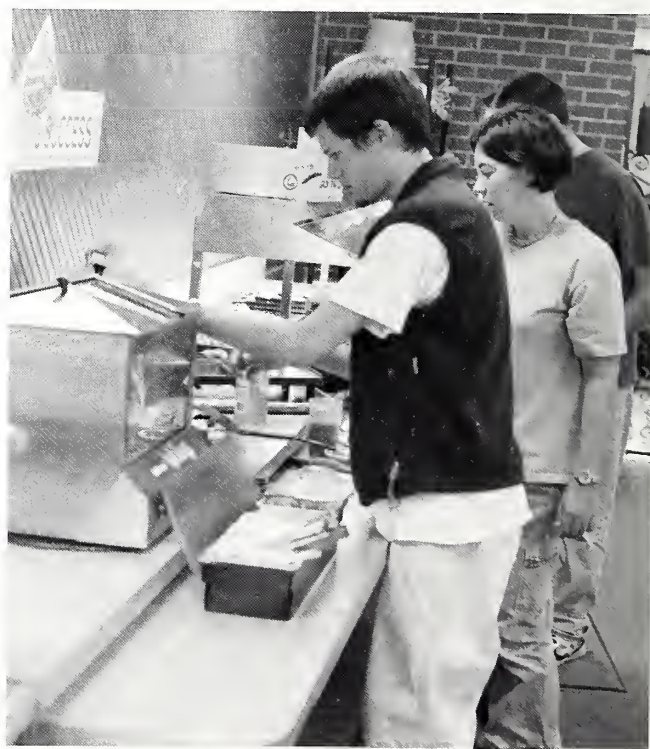
The Pioneer web page states that, "The core of Pioneer's food service success is a philosophy that places client satisfaction before corporate growth. Client objectives are our primary concern. The success of this effort is documented by an unparalleled client retention record.

Pioneer achieves consistent superior service because of their dedication of purpose, integrity, hard work, and an unflinching belief in teamwork. It's the Pioneer spirit."

Because of their tremendous dedication to each and every one of their clients, Pioneer College Caterers never has lost a contract for service related reasons. Williams, therefore, has good reason to refer to Pioneer as "one of the best in the business." By Megan Mowery



right: Sophomore **Nathan Bartel** prepares a scrumptious hot dog for dinner. In addition to the main buffet line, various bars were available for students to choose from, including cereal, sandwich, pasta, salad, health, waffle, and soda bars.
above: A group of Bethel students chow down on another tasty meal.





top: **Jesse Henry, Ian Swanson, Keith Hiebner, Joe Sawatzky, and Joe Dick** engage in a heated discussion over their noon meal.

left: Freshman **Kendall Johnson** prepares her sandwich just as she pleases, while junior **Kara Dixon** fixes a tasty grilled cheese sandwich.

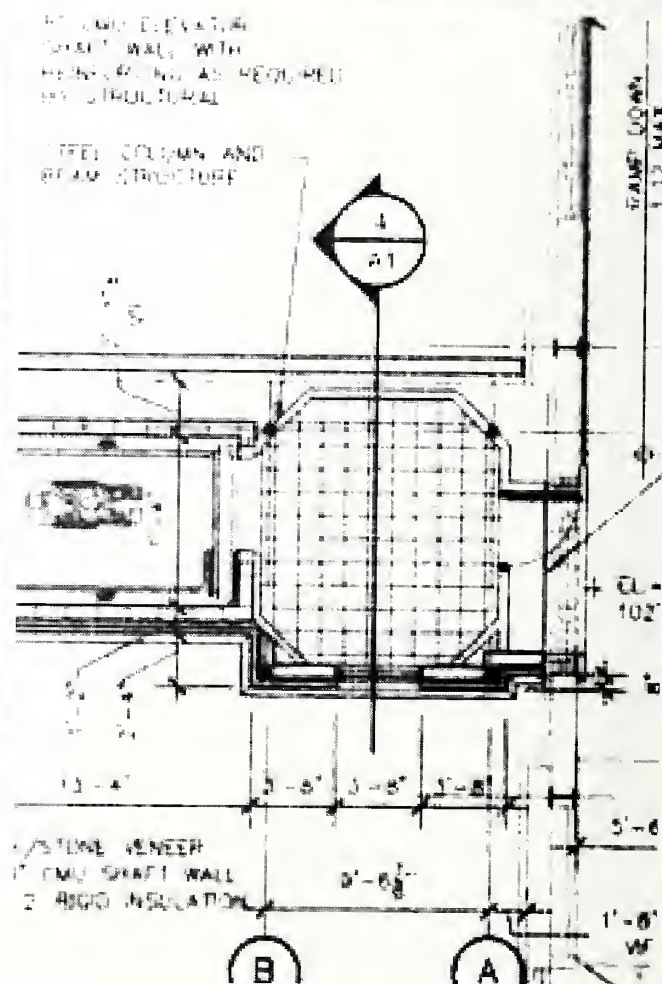
above: **Michael Ducett** gazes perplexingly at **Reid Kaufmann** as he munches on some unknown food.



top: Bethel students witnessed various stages of construction throughout the year as they saw their new residence hall taking shape.

right: Many different styles of living facilities were considered before the suites were decided upon.

above: The new residence hall was not fully completed until August, shortly before students returned for the following year.



New Residence Hall

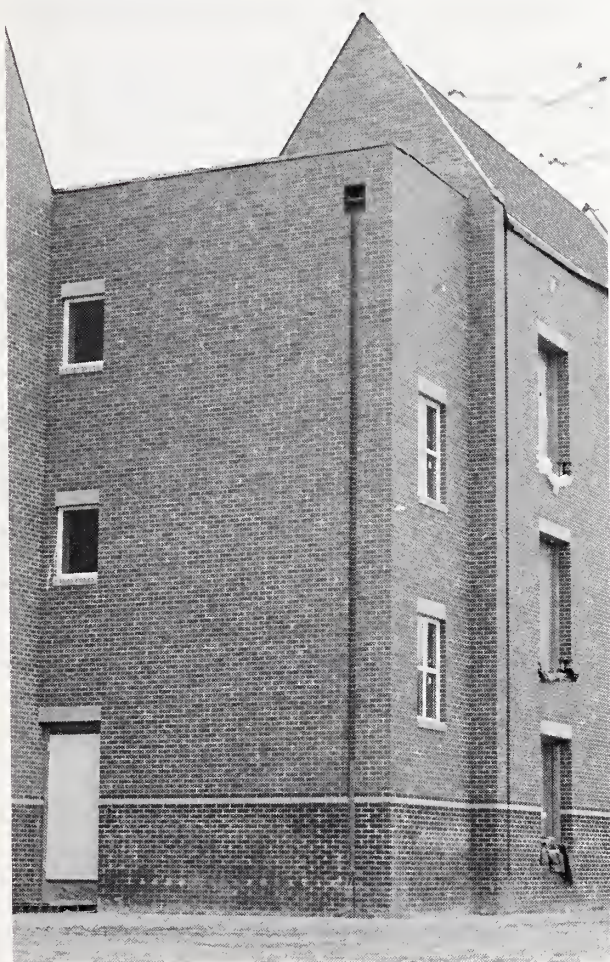
Bethel students woke-up countless mornings to new noises this year—pounding, drilling, and big machines. Why? Because a new residence hall at Bethel College was under construction!

The building, which will be home to both men and women, is projected to be finished and ready to live in by the fall semester of 2000. It will house 90 students in all, in addition to an apartment on the first level for the Resident Director.

The New Residence Hall will offer another

set-up for living arrangements, different from Haury Hall or Warkentin Court. There will be one suite on each hall, which is actually two rooms combined. This will house 3-4 students. The rest of the rooms will fit two students, and have an adjoining bathroom connecting two rooms—giving it a more private feel than the other residence halls.

This varying style will give students more freedom in deciding what kind of environment they live in while here at Bethel. By Kendall Johnson



left: Tours of the under construction residence hall were available for students, their parents, faculty, and recruits as the building neared completion.

above: Construction workers became a common sight on the Bethel campus throughout the year.

Interterm Trips

This January's Interterm was a lot like most other Interterms in Bethel's history. Bethel students were flung into the world in order to gain greater respect and understanding of other cultures tradition, history, language, and religion.

One such trip was to the Middle East with the Jerusalem Tour, under the direction of Duane Friesen. Becoming familiar with not only the significant historical sites, but also some of the tangled political and religious issues of the area had a profound effect on the students. "We live in such a comfortable place where we can be as uninformed as we want to be," expressed senior Sarah Koehn, Dighton. "Looking into people's eyes and

knowing that this is their life -- it's sad knowing we have complete freedom to walk away from it and never have to think about it again."

Other International trips included such places as Germany, The Czech Republic, and Belize. Closer to home, students involved in the Native American History class visited the Washita Battlefield in Cheyenne, Oklahoma.

Response to the trips was always positive--often students' favorite class at Bethel. Many students also commented on how just a month or few weeks traveling in a foreign culture profoundly affected their world outlook. By Paul Ortman



right: Sophomore **Krista Abrahams** and juniors **Stephanie Friesen**, **Becky Friesen**, and **Joni Johnson** were among the students who went on the SAB ski trip to Colorado.

above: Students in the Public Policies for Global Issues traveled to Washington DC to witness government first hand.





top: A group of biology students travelled to Costa Rica to explore the rain forests.

left: In Germany, students had the opportunity to visit many famous sites, including a castle behind them.

above: The geology class spent the final week of interterm this year in Texas.



top: Sophomore **Aaron Voth** and senior **Jacob Larson** attempt to clear cluttering branches from the Mennoscah River.

right: Freshmen **Luke Schmidt** and **Rachel Yoder** and junior **Cory Lamb** helped in construction for Habitat for Humanity.

above: **Dianna Yoder** and junior **Jody Schmidt** spent the day entertaining and playing games with local youngsters.

Service Day

What happens when over two hundred students and faculty come together to help others in the community? Service Day! This year, on a warm and sunny April day, 200 students and 25 faculty were transported bright and early all over Newton, Wichita, and Camp Mennoscah, for a day of service.

Students went to places like the Historical Society in Newton, Interfaith Ministries in Wichita, Habitat for Humanity for construction work, Camp Mennoscah to help build on the camp, several retirement homes to play music, visit with residents, and help spruce-

up outdoors.

Other groups went places such as St. Mary's cemetery for inventory, Prarieview to help with work outdoors, and Youthville to work. Several students cleaned a section of the highway, while others played with kids from Big Brothers and Big Sisters and latchkey.

Service day was a success. The day ended with a picnic in front of Mem Hall. It is something that continues to be done again and again. It's part of our mission as a college and helps us meet the people in our community. By Kendall Johnson



left: **Cory Lamb** and others helped with construction for Habitat for Humanity.
above: Senior **Shana Goering** spent Service Day with a little girl from the Big Brothers and Big Sisters program.

Spring Fling

Broom battles, water, and root beer were just some key ingredients to the annual Bethel College Spring Fling week this year. Starting on Monday, April 24th with root beer floats on the green all afternoon and Persecution that night, Bethel students enjoyed a fun-filled week before the unbearable stress of finals hit them right in the face.

On Tuesday students were able to enjoy a competitive evening of Beach Blanket Bingo. Then, Wednesday night they were given the chance to show off their college knowledge during the Bethel adaptation of the game

show, "Family Fued."

On Thursday students ventured over to the Newton City Pool for some thrilling water games. This was especially nice for Bethel students as freshman Ben Schrag put it, "because the campus doesn't have a pool to play around in."

Friday the plaza played host to a picnic. It also hosted the annual Spring Fling Dance the next night, which many students attended and enjoyed as the last of the week's activities. Several groups performed crazy line dances that were DJed by juniors Dave Baker and Zac Bartel, both from Hilsboro.



right: Juniors **Ginger Trummel** and **Trisha Clark** get their lunch at the picnic buffet on the Plaza.
above: Mudslam champions **Adam Utz**, **Trisha Clark**, **Michael Ackerman**, **Rachel Janzen**, **Riann Hill**, and **Jason Gallagher** show their dirty grins after kicking some rear in the volleyball tournament.





top: Chris Pagoyo, Monica Meyer, Jenny Zimmerman, Nicole Patton, and Aaron Storck participate in Bethel's own variation of "Family Feud."
left: Halie Schmidt, Liz Walter, Sheryl Fowler, Megan Goering, Roxy Beckerman, Heidi Fowler, Shelly Weibert, and Megan Mowery entertained students with a dance from the movie "8 Seconds."
above: Bethel students ventured to the Newton High School for a refreshing game of water polo.

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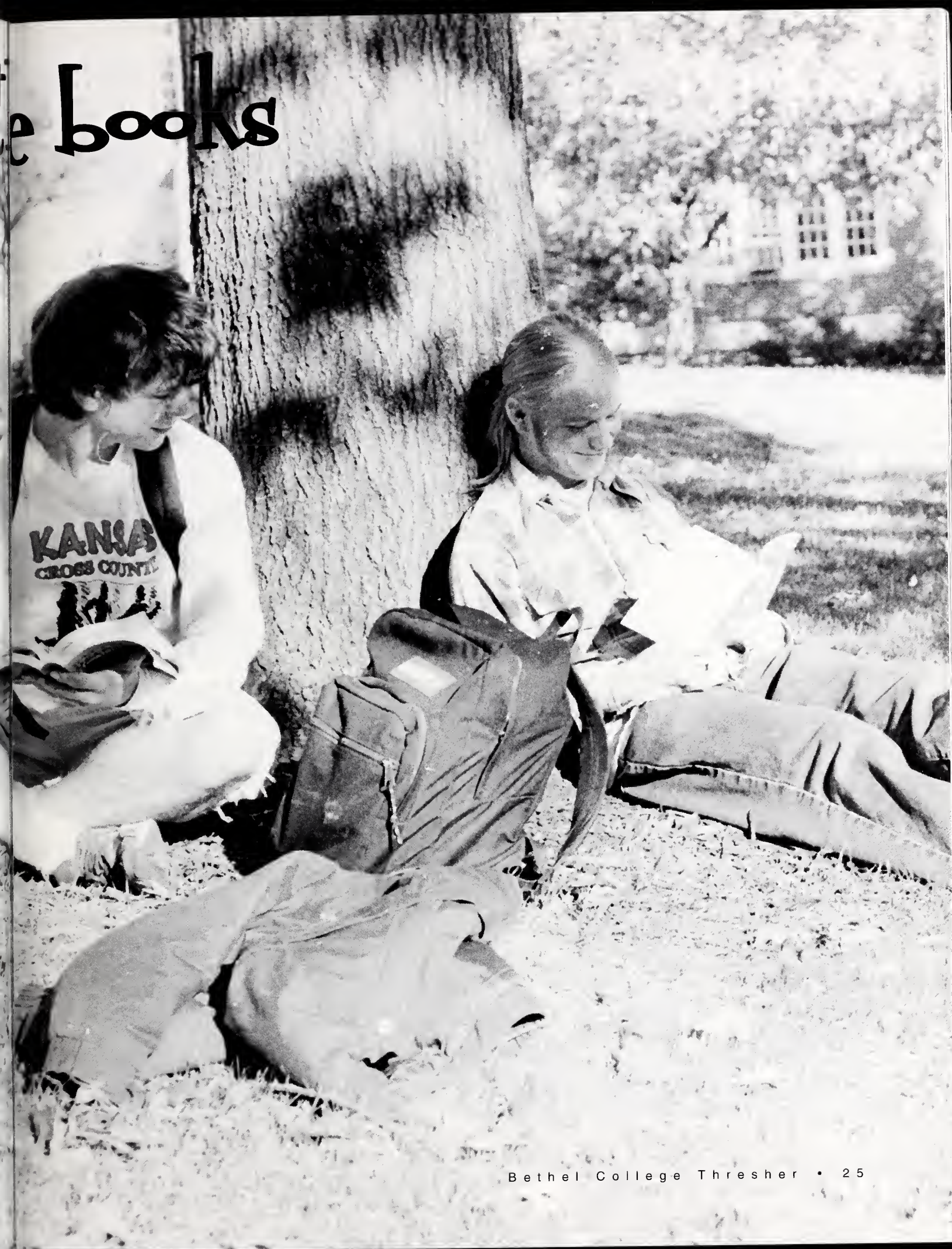
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right: Senior **Aisatou Ngong** ponders a topic in preparation for a forensics tournament.

below: Junior **Iris Overstreet** and freshman **Ian Swanson** look over their information.

bottom: Novice National Debate Champions **Aziza Hasan** and **Chris Graber**, freshmen, proudly display their numerous well-deserved trophies.



At the beginning of each and every tournament throughout the school year, professor John McCabe-Junke led the Bethel College Forensicators in powerfully repeating the following phrase: "I know men in the ranks, who are going to stay in the ranks. Do you know why? Simply because they have the

speakers in the nation.

Although competing in these high status tournaments meant numerous long hours in the van, the forensicators used that time wisely to really "get to know their teammates." They continually experienced the crazy driving of Tim Jenkins under the influence of an exceedingly large quantity of

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ability to get things done."

Well, just as they stated, the Bethel Forensicators had the ability to get things done! And "get things done" was exactly what the Thresher forensicators did this year.

They didn't just have one or two impressive accomplishments in their season.

Rather, they found superior success at every tournament they attended during the school year.

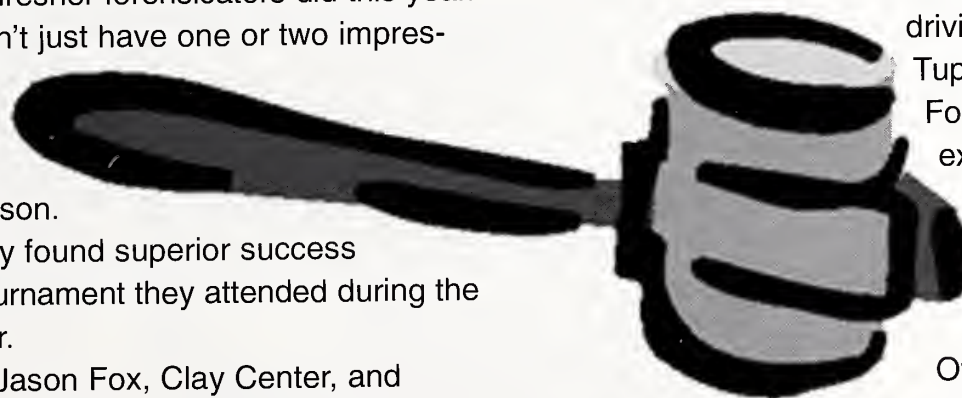
Seniors Jason Fox, Clay Center, and Grant Tupper, Otis, became the Kansas Debate Champions, while freshmen Aziza Hasan, Halstead, and Chris Graber, Newton, earned the title of the Novice National Champions.

Sophomore Brian Stucky, Moundridge, ranked in the top twenty-five in Impromptu

Mountain Due, as well as many other memorable moments.

This year, as expected, proved to be a very successful one for the Bethel College forensics squad. After driving with Grant Tupper, Jason Fox was quoted explaining, "Really, it was a trip debating with Grant."

Overall, sophomore Brian Stucky, Moundridge summed up the forensics season well. "I really enjoyed all the opportunities we had to travel and hangout with different people, especially ones with whom I might not have spent time otherwise." By Aziza Hasan



In 1999, the Kansas State Board of Education voted to change the standards for science curriculums in Kansas. This decision caused a great deal of controversy and even sparked professor and director John McCabe-Juhnke's interest, influencing his choice for the fall drama.

"It sounded like a good time to revisit

"It was definitely one of the most challenging roles I have ever played," declared Lamb of his role, "but it was rewarding in the end. The play is just a really is a great script."

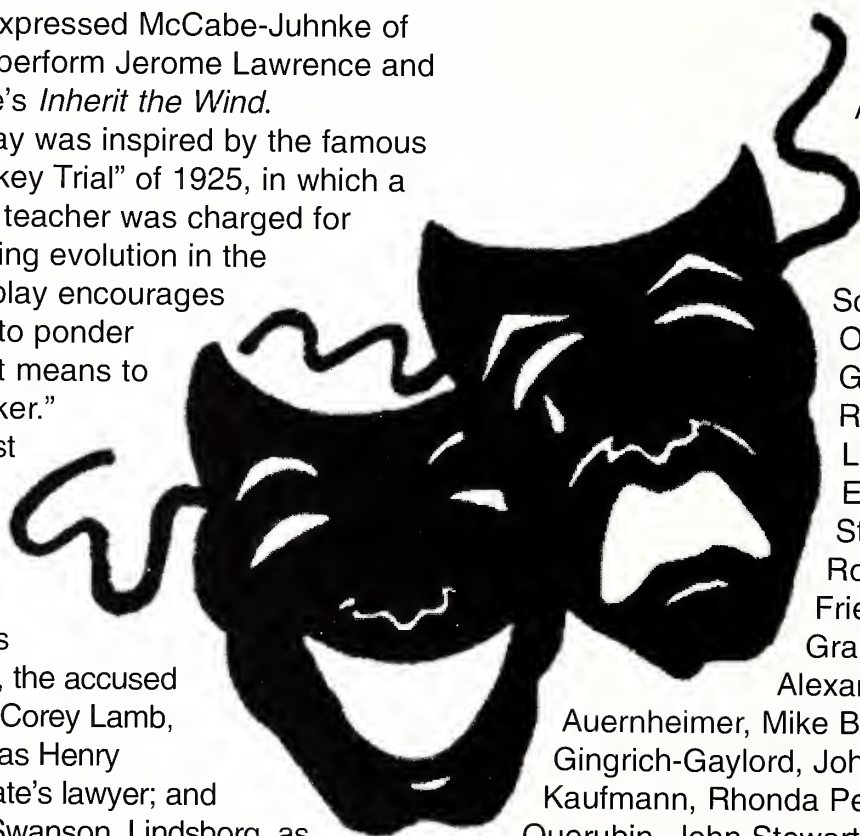
Other cast members involved in the play include Austin McCabe-Juhnke, Taylor McCabe-Juhnke, Sharyn Harley, Christopher Ross Graber, Sophia Muthuraj, Laura Way,

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the issues," expressed McCabe-Juhnke of his choice to perform Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee's *Inherit the Wind*.

The play was inspired by the famous Scopes "Monkey Trial" of 1925, in which a young school teacher was charged for illegally teaching evolution in the school. The play encourages the audience to ponder exactly what it means to be a "freethinker."

The cast included freshman David Krehbiel, Montezuma, as Bertram Cates, the accused teacher; junior Corey Lamb, Lacona, Iowa, as Henry Drummond, Cate's lawyer; and freshman Ian Swanson, Lindsborg, as Matthew Harrison Brady, the opposing lawyer.



Adam Schrag, Jay Penner, Aaron Voth, McKormic McCune, Keith Hiebner, Jenny Levine, Erin Schmidt, Jay Odom, Caroline Graber, James Regier, Sharleen Loewen, Ladd Epp, Kendra Stuever, Pamula Royer, Marc Friesen, Monty Graber, Jackye Alexander, Jason Auernheimer, Mike Bortoletto, Ian Gingrich-Gaylord, John Graber, Reid Kaufmann, Rhonda Pent, Zach Querubin, John Stewart, and Jon Wiebe.

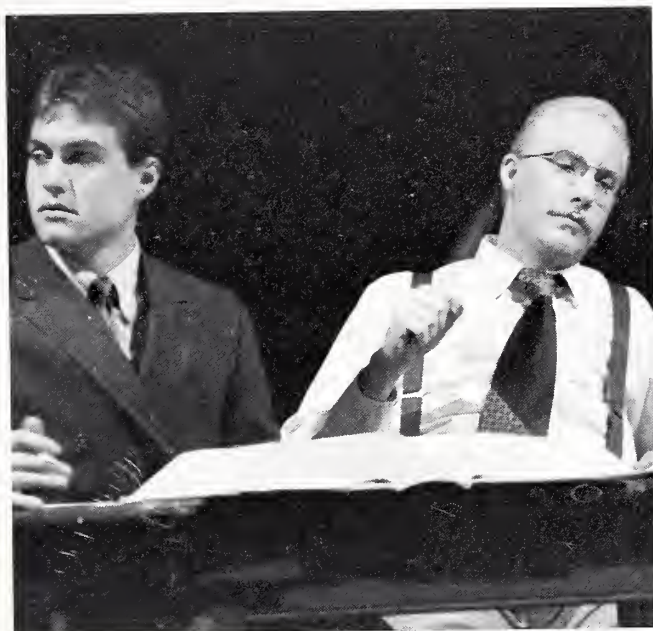
By Krista Abrahms



right: Freshman **Sharyn Harley** played the role of Rachel Brown, while junior **Caroline Graber** acted as E.K. Hornbeck.

below: **Ladd Epp** and freshman **Ian Swanson**, the bible-thumping prosecutor.

bottom: Jury members are (front row) **John Stewart, Rhonda Pent, Reid Kauffman, Ian Gingrich-Gaylord, Jackye Alexander**, and (back row) **Zach Querubin, John Wiebe, Mike Bortoletto, Jason Auernheimer, and John Graber**.



right: Juniors **Mandy Edgington** and **Allison Epp** are joined by another Urban Life student as they pose in front of a mural in Chicago.

below: Several Bethel College students spent their interterms experiencing the Urban Life Center in Chicago.

bottom: Juniors **Allison Epp** and **Shelese Stucky** attended an comedy club one evening while in Chicago. They were able to meet students from throughout the United States who also were studying at the Urban Life Center.



Nine BC students spent their interterms at the Urban Life Center in Chicago, Illinois.

These students included:

Mandy Edgington, Allison Epp, Sharleen Loewen, Megan Schmidt, Tina Schmidt, Shelese Stucky, Natasha Van Dyke, and Mandy Voth.

The group was divided into four apartments – all within a few blocks of each

class time was spent in the city. The Urban Diversity class discussed the music of Chicago and how it relates to the culture of the city. The City Arts class discussed some of these same issues, but focused on the art found in the city. According to junior Mandy Edgington, "It was interesting to see cultural differences in the art throughout the city."

Time not spent in class was reserved for volunteer internship placements--three days

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other in the Hyde Park area. They lived with three to four students from other colleges and learned responsibilities of cooperative living, including assisting in menu planning, buying food within a budget, taking turns in food preparation, and taking care of the apartment in general.

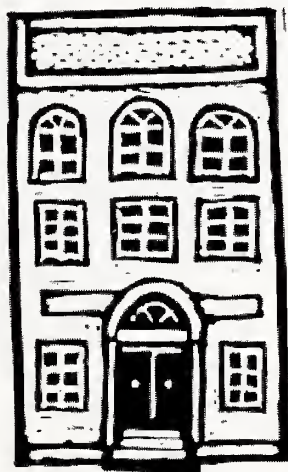
One of the biggest challenges was how to understand the bus and subway system. They spent a day learning to read the city maps, bus maps, and bus and subway routes. After a few scary incidents, the students became near-experts at traveling around in the city!

Two classes were offered during the January Term--City Arts and Urban Diversity--and students chose one class on which to focus. The phrase, "Chicago is our classroom" was very appropriate, as most of their

a week. These placements were chosen based upon a students' interests before arriving in Chicago, and included various

schools, business sites, and other career interests. "I enjoyed seeing how a large business like the Merchandise Mart works from the inside-out," explained freshman Tina Schmidt. "Understanding the relationships among the workers in the office was a beneficial part of my internship."

Even with the structured time, the students at the Urban Life Center still found time to explore the city on their own. There were museums, shopping, shows to see, and new restaurants at which to eat! For the nine students from Bethel College, the three weeks spent in Chicago will be remembered as a very exciting, informational, and fun-filled month.



Sarah Rempel almost died laughing when she saw a Dutch guy fall into an open sewer and fish out his flip-flop. Susan Gaeddart witnessed a full solar eclipse from the top of a monastery and met two world-class pianists. Kirk Boster got close to some famous Galapagos sea lions. Where did these

participated in an intensive math program in Budapest, while Ruth Harder took courses in Spanish, civilization, and peace studies, as well as doing service work. Susan Gaeddart's semester was for singers and pianists and included free tickets to the Salzburg Festival.

Life in a foreign country was both exciting

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Bethel students travel to find such excitement? Well, far away from Kansas.

Nine Bethel students studied abroad during the 1999-2000 school year. They included: junior Mark Arganbright, Dalian, China; senior Kirk Boster, Quito, Ecuador; senior Susan Gaeddart, Salzburg, Austria; juniors Ruth Harder and Nathan Toews, Guatemala City, Guatemala; junior Brandon Nelson, Wuppertal, Germany; junior Sarah Rempel, Cochin, India; senior Luke Shilts, Lancaster, England; and junior Lisa Thimm, Wuppertal, Germany and Budapest, Hungary.

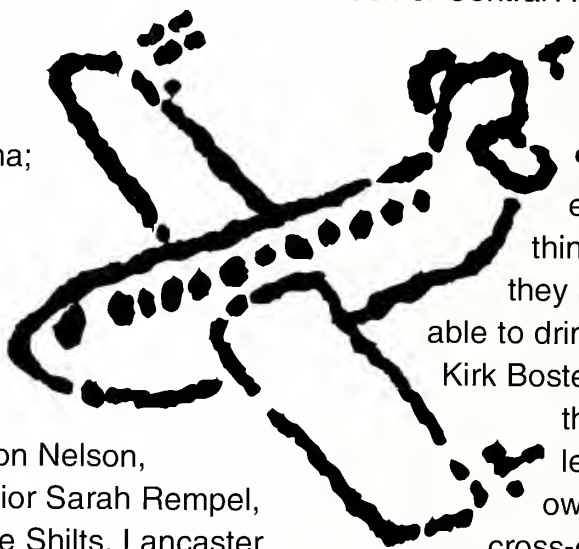
Courses of study varied as much as location among these students. Lisa Thimm

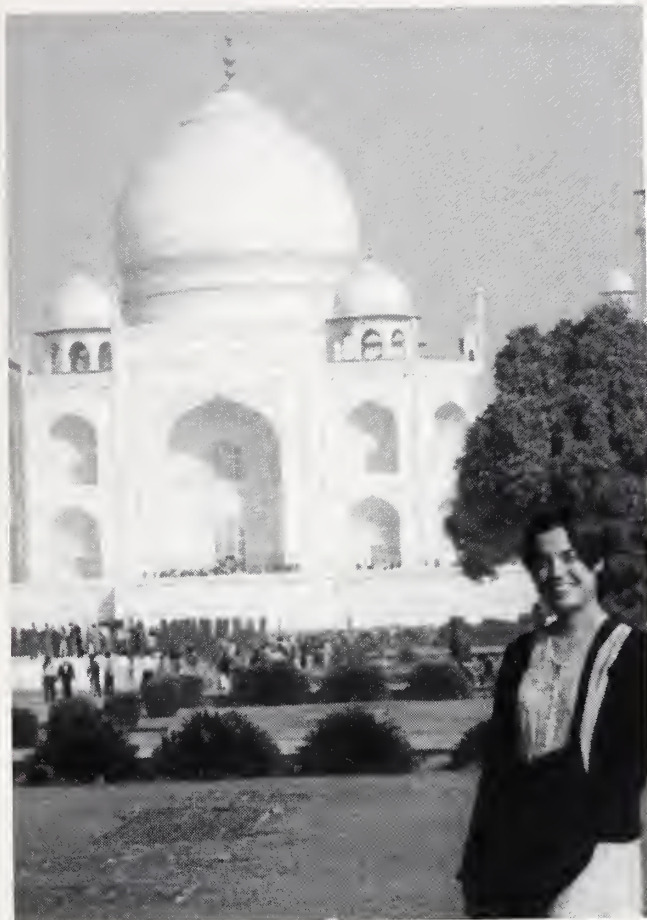
and challenging, according to study abroad students. "It was neat to be able to see so much of Central America, but the hardest

part was the language barrier," expressed Harder.

"After so long away, you start to get frustrated with so many of the things that are different than they are at home, like not being able to drink the water," expressed Kirk Boster. "But overall I loved it the experience. You totally learn to appreciate your own culture. And, as far as cross-cultural experiences go, there's just no substitute for total immersion."

"Studying abroad, you not only learn there are other ways to live," explained Gaeddart. "But you also learn so much more about yourself."





left: **Sarah Rempel** spent her fall semester at the BCA college in India.

below: Senior **Kirk Boster** studied for a semester in Quito, Ecuador to fulfill a requirement for his Spanish major.

bottom: Senior **Susan Gaeddert** was able to study abroad in Vienna, Austria.



right: Taryn Temple and Ian Swanson lovingly hug their mother, "Susan," played by Jody Schmidt, as their father, Corey Lamb, sits before them.

below: Taryn Temple and Ian Swanson look on as their parents, Corey Lamb and Jody Schmidt, avoid conversation with each other.

bottom: Susan's (Jody Schmidt) "ideal" children, played by Ian Swanson and Taryn Temple, talk with their mother who goes through life in her imaginary world.



Exactly what is it one uncovers when they take a peek into the mind of someone else? The cast and audience of the Bethel College spring drama discovered the twisted inner workings in the mind of the main character, Susan, in the dark comedy "A Woman in Mind," written by Alan Ayckbourn.

world and reality finally drives her absolutely crazy.

Throughout the month of April, the cast of "A Woman In Mind" worked together diligently under the direction of Arlo Kasper to perfect the show for the final performances in Krehbiel Auditorium on April 28th and 29th.

The cast consisted of junior Jody

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The play revolves around Susan, a suburban housewife who is married to a pompous, boring vicar and rejected by her insensitive son. In order to deal with her painful feelings of inadequacy and rejection, Susan creates an "ideal" family in her imagination. She dreams of a fawning husband, sweet daughter, and carefree brother who all love her dearly.

Things totally start to go array, however, when Susan's reality and her dream world start to mix. She is approaching insanity when she discovers the imaginary people she used to control calling the shots in the real world. The mingling of her dream

Schmidt, Peabody, in the role of Susan, junior Mark Arganbright, Olathe, as her doctor Bill, junior Cory Lamb, Lacona, Iowa, as her husband Gerald, freshman Sharyn Harley, Goshen, Ind., playing the role of her sister-in-law Muriel, junior Kyle Woltman, Louisville, Colo., as her son Rick, freshman Ian Swanson, Lindsborg, playing her "husband", junior

Brandon Nelson, Newton, as her "brother" and sophomore Taryn Temple, McPherson, as the ideal "daughter." By Taryn Temple



When students, faculty, or staff enter the Fine Arts Center on any given day, they are likely to hear the sounds of various instruments coming from the practice rooms. Why all the noise? Students involved in the Bethel College Sinfonia spend hours of practice in preparation for rehearsals and perfor-

winds in two one-act operas: *The Old Maid* and *the Thief* by Gian-Carlo Menotti and *Gianni Schicchi* by Giacomo Puccini. While not all members of Sinfonia are able to participate, the wind players found the whirlwind of rehearsals challenging and enjoyable.

The end of the year brought with it one last performance by the Sinfonia. Among

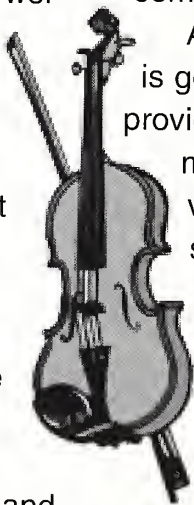
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mances throughout the year.

In September, the Sinfonia joined Second Century Singers for a performance to kick off the 1999-2000 season. Occasionally, conductors Brian Wiebe and Don Kehrberg welcome guest artists to join the Sinfonia for one performance. Amy Jo Rhine, a horn player joined the Sinfonia for such a concert in November. In February, the chamber string orchestra gave a concert in the chapel and featured two chamber ensembles, which included Angela Janzen, Jonathan Wiebe, Nikki Hershberger, Katy June-Friesen, Brooke Fischer, Brooke Wonsetler, Jennifer Wiebe, and Sarah Kratzer. During that concert, music by G. F. Handel, Mozart, and Franz Schubert was performed.

The pit orchestra is an opportunity for Sinfonia members to gain experience in putting together music with actors on stage. This year, Don Kehrberg conducted the

the many pieces performed were two pieces featuring senior violist Sarah Kratzer, and the exciting capriccio espagnol by Rimsky-Korsakov. The orchestra also played for commencement.



At a small school like Bethel College, it is good there is a program like Sinfonia to provide entertainment for the entire community. Brian Wiebe, in a recent interview, said: "My colleagues at other schools continue to be impressed that Bethel has a strong orchestra! Many small colleges cannot boast that claim. Credit goes to our administration, to the community support, and to all of our Sinfonia members!"

Whether rehearsing, performing in concerts, or playing in the pit orchestra, the members of the BC Sinfonia worked to bring the community and the college together by providing entertainment throughout the year. By Megan Schmidt



left: Intensity characterized Sinfonia rehearsals, as well as levels of animosity between conductor and concertmaster.

below: Senior **Sarah Kratzer** concentrates on her music during one of Symfonia's yearly concerts.

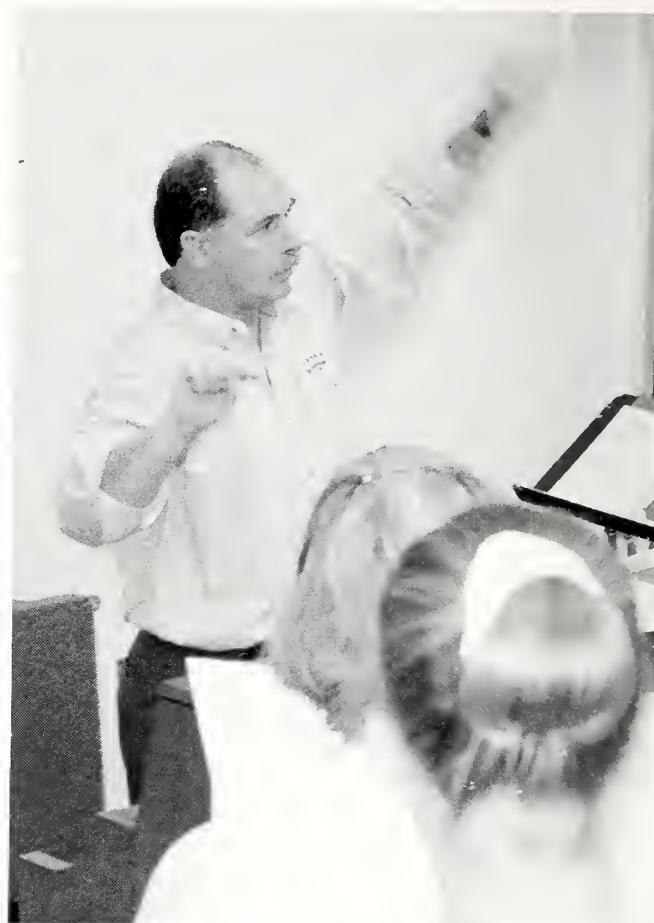
bottom: The 1999-2000 Bethel College Symfonia.



right: The newest addition to the music department at Bethel, **Dr. William Eash**, leads his pupils in preparation for an upcoming concert.

bottom: Sophomore **Karenza Kroeker** and other members of the Concert Choir group spent endless hours perfecting songs for their performances.

below: Junior **Adam Schrag** practices his solo during a choir class.



Beginning in the fall, the Bethel College students involved in Concert Choir, Men's Ensemble, and Women's Ensemble saw a new face behind the baton: Dr. William Eash. Dr. Eash replaced long-time choral director Marles Preheim.

Coming to Bethel with an extensive background in music, he hoped to spread his

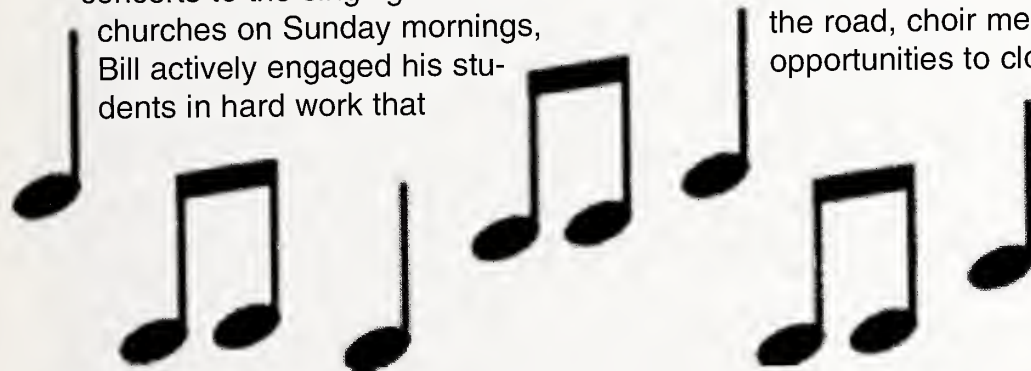
For nearly all Thresher choir members, the most exhilarating part of the year was by far the week of the 2000 Spring Break tour. Bill, along with his wife, Esther, and the entire Bethel choir travelled by bus across the Midwest.

They began their voyage in Kansas and toured through Iowa, Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio. The choir groups spent their Spring

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love and excitement for music in the programs at BC.

And "spread his love and excitement for music" he did. From the Second Century concerts to the singing at numerous area churches on Sunday mornings, Bill actively engaged his students in hard work that



eventually paid off in their successful performances.

The bulk of the Concert Choir concerts occurred during the spring semester, as the choir rehearsed and performed various sacred pieces at churches, such as the infamous "He Never Failed Me Yet" and "Precious Lord."

Break singing in various places, including Mennonite churches, schools, and even a retirement home. They were fortunate enough to stay the nights with area church families. Thanks to time spent on the road, choir members had many opportunities to closely bond with one

another. The Concert Choir tour ended with a home concert at the Bethel College Mennonite Church.

Sophomore Karenza Kroeker summarized her choir experience

very well. "Other than the constant supply of fun with the choir members, I appreciated the opportunity to sing in the Mennonite churches and schools that I otherwise never would have visited."

By Melanie Krehbiel

To say that the Bethel College Thresher nursing students of the 1999-2000 school year were busy would, by all means, be an understatement. However, this class of 16 was not only busy with the strenuous requirements of the nursing program. With mostly non-traditional students, many also were involved with raising and caring for

Hesston, Sheila Metzinger, Arkansas City, Hang Nguyen, Wichita, Kelli Vahsholtz Olson, Hope, Daryl Ottaway, Wichita, Rhonda Pent, Hesston, Sadie Sims Goering, Rapid City, South Dakota, Patricia Tessendorf, Newton, and Kristi Dawn Unruh, Newton.

Juniors in the Bethel College nursing program included: Melissa Eigsti, Hesston,

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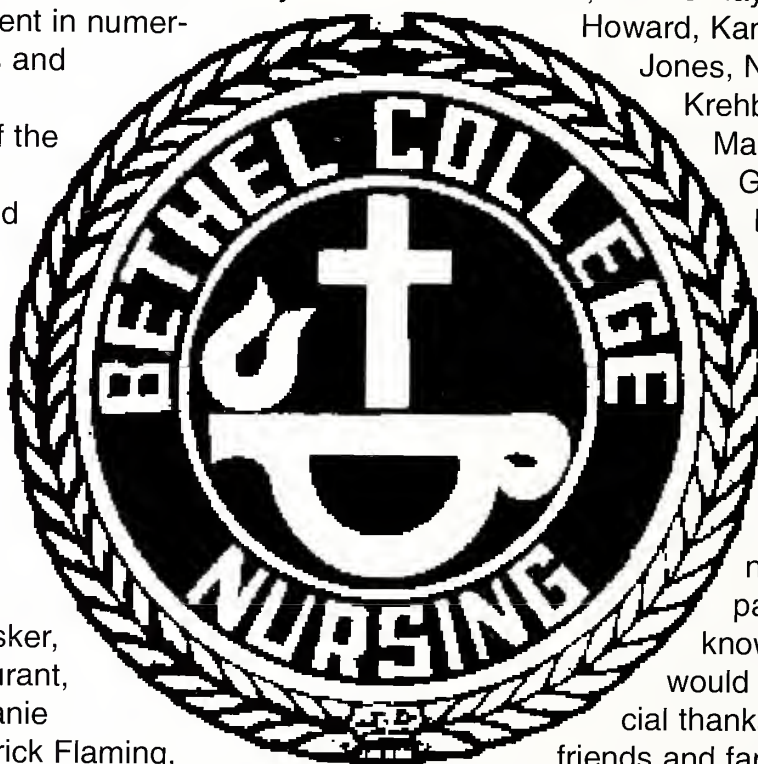
families. Those who still lived on campus succeeded in keeping themselves busy with their involvement in numerous campus sports and activities.

Highlights of the nursing students' senior year included group research projects, attending the state nursing convention in Topeka, and preparing for graduation day.

Members of the class included: Renee Baatrup, Marion, Kathy Boesker, Marion, Rhonda Durant, Hutchinson, Stephanie Elliott, Wichita, Patrick Flaming, Hillsboro, Deborah Krohn, Wichita, Christine Le, Wichita, Maria Mercader,

Letha Funk, Canton, Shonda Goertzen, Newton, Renae Hay, Herington, Erin Howard, Kansas City, Rhonda Jones, Newton, Amy Krehbiel, Pretty Prairie, Mariam Njoku, Gardena, Cal., Jodi Rempel, Moundridge, Julie Unruh, Galva, and Brandi Whitman, Preston.

The Bethel College nursing students would like to thank all the nursing faculty for passing on their knowledge. They also would like to give a special thanks to all of their friends and family for their love and support they've given over the past two years.





left: Senior **Rhonda Pent** serves up some punch at the annual Pinning Ceremony.

below: Senior **Shonda Goertzen** and junior **Julie Unruh** were just two of the students in Bethel's nursing program.

bottom: Students in Bethel's Nursing Program attended the Lamplighting Ceremony to honor juniors in the program.



left: Guest speaker, **Dr. Claudia Limbert**, an executive officer at Penn State delivered the commencement address for the 2000 graduation ceremony.

below: Professor **Duane Friesen** walks with a student after graduation.

bottom: Bethel professors **Monica Meissen** and **Marie Maugans-Coleman** follow graduates on their "Walking of the Green," as graduate **Monica Meyer** wipes away a tear.



May 21, 2000 marked the 107 annual commencement event for Bethel College students. The symbolic ceremony was held at 2:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

The memorable day began early with a Baccalaureate service at 9:30 a.m. The service was held at the Bethel College Mennonite Church across the street from the

the campus executive officer at Penn State in Du Bois, Pennsylvania. The title of her moving speech was "Making Dreams Happen." Dr. Limbert incorporated into her speech many of the graduates hopes and dreams for the future.

The presentation of their graduation diplomas to the candidates by Dr. John Sheriff, Academic Dean, and Dr. Rodney

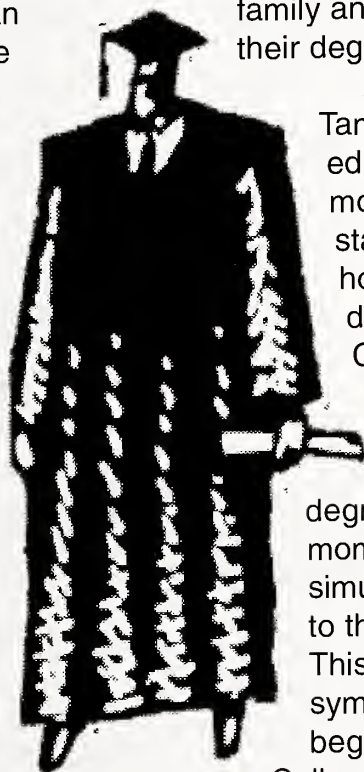
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campus. Norma J. Johnson, the associate pastor at the church, delivered the invocation. This service, as always, was an important tradition for Bethel College students. Not only did it give the future graduates an opportunity to reflect about the exciting days ahead of them, but it also provided a way for all involved to incorporate God into the special day.

Following the service, the future graduates and their friends and family headed over to the Schultz Student Center to attend a special luncheon in their honor. It was a perfect time to eat, relax, and spend time with others before the commencement began later in the afternoon.

The graduation ceremony began with an invocation address delivered by Pastor Steve Goering. This year's guest speaker was Dr. Claudia Limbert. Dr. Limbert was

Frey, Registrar, allowed the graduates to proudly cross the stage in front of their family and friends and officially receive their degrees.



A class of 2000 graduate, Tammy Ratzlaff, Hesston, reflected upon that commencement moment. "Walking across the stage inabled me to fully realize how much I had accomplished during my years at Bethel College."

Dr. Douglas Penner, President of Bethel College, confirmed the graduates degrees. Then, in a symbolic moment, all the 2000 graduates simultaneously moved their tassels to the other side of their caps. This was a way for the students to symbolize their graduation and begin their future as Bethel

College graduates. By Monica Meyer (2000 graduate)

People



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"I need you. I want
you. Oh baby, oh
baby!"

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About You

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out their future
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search the lust list
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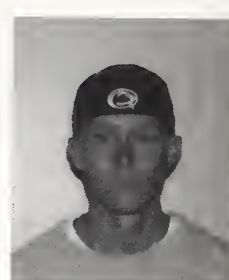
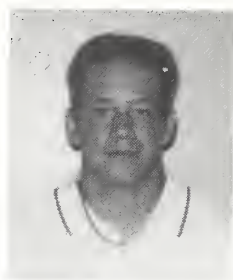
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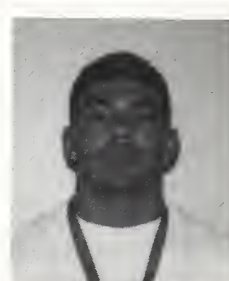
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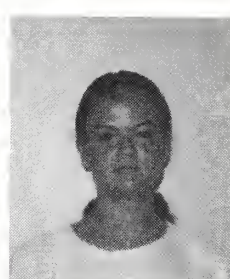
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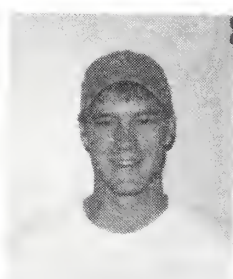
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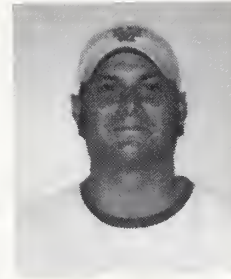
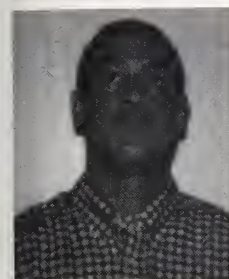




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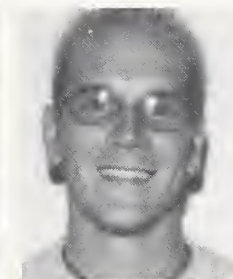
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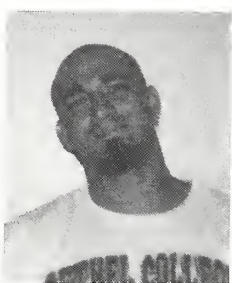


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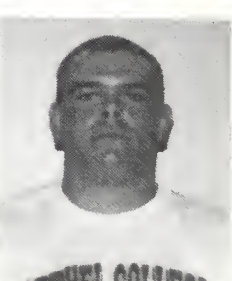
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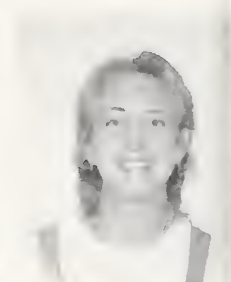


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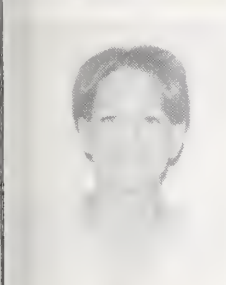


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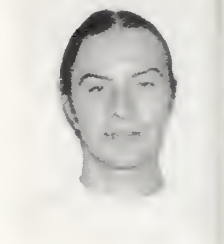


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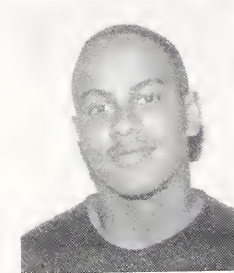
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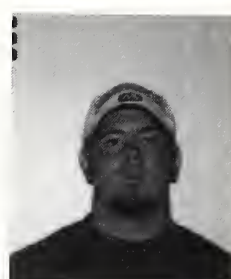
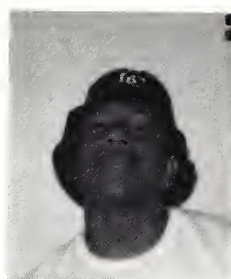


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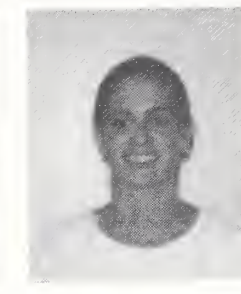
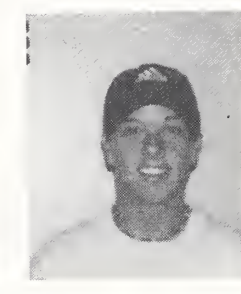




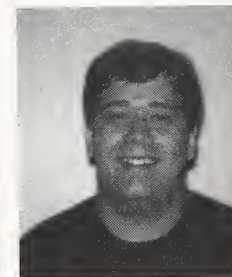
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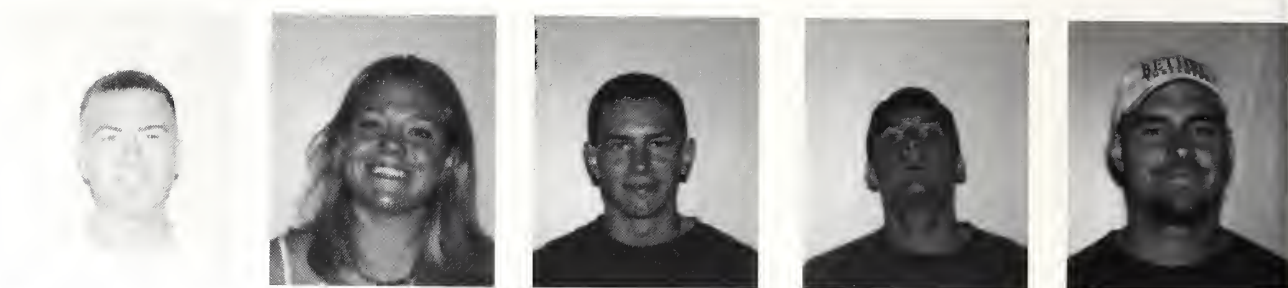


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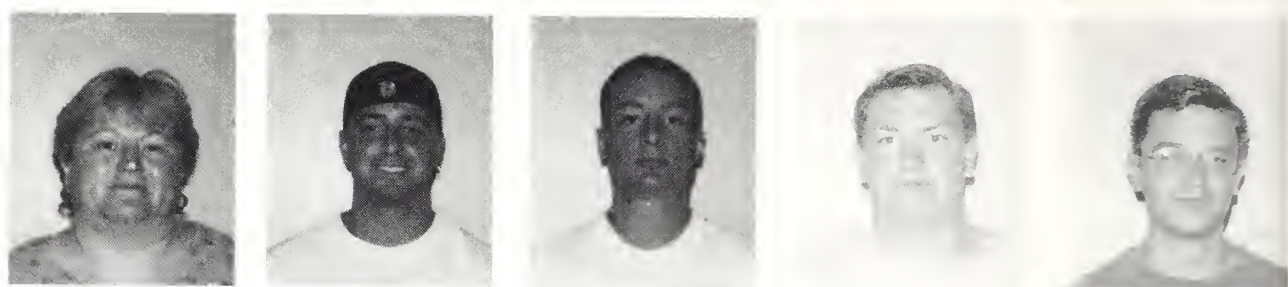


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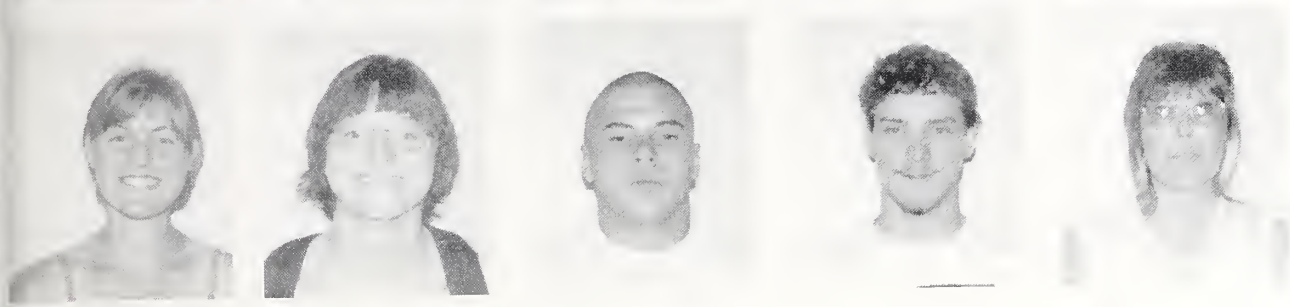


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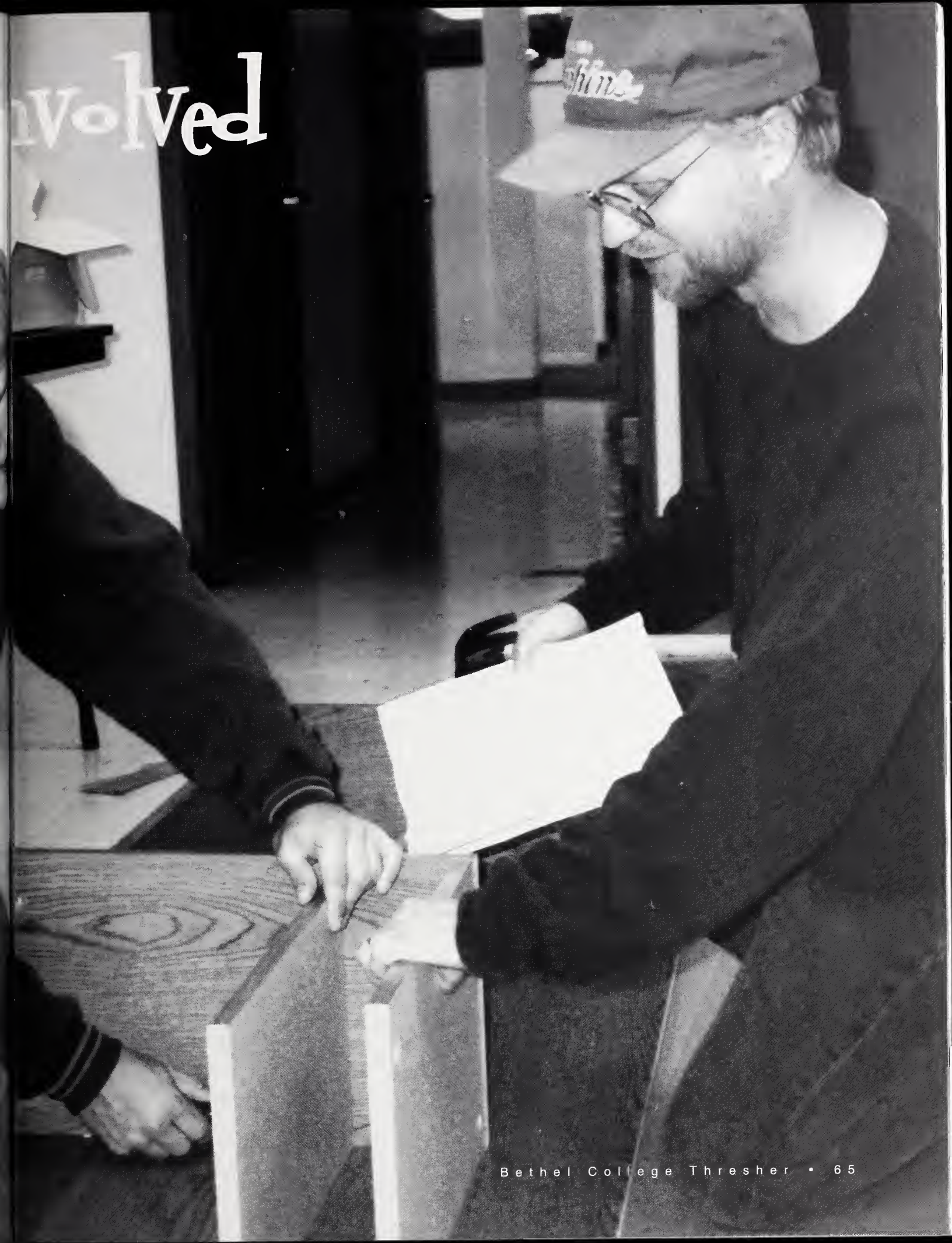
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This year's Student Senate made great steps in the right direction. The Senate was blessed with great desire and motivation that brought about noticeable change, while running an efficient government. With strong leadership and experienced senate members, this year's senate has shined like no other. This year's senate went beyond what was expected.

One of Senate's accomplishments included creating a Service day with a petition of 197 faculty and student signatures. This enable them to engage in a different learning experience.

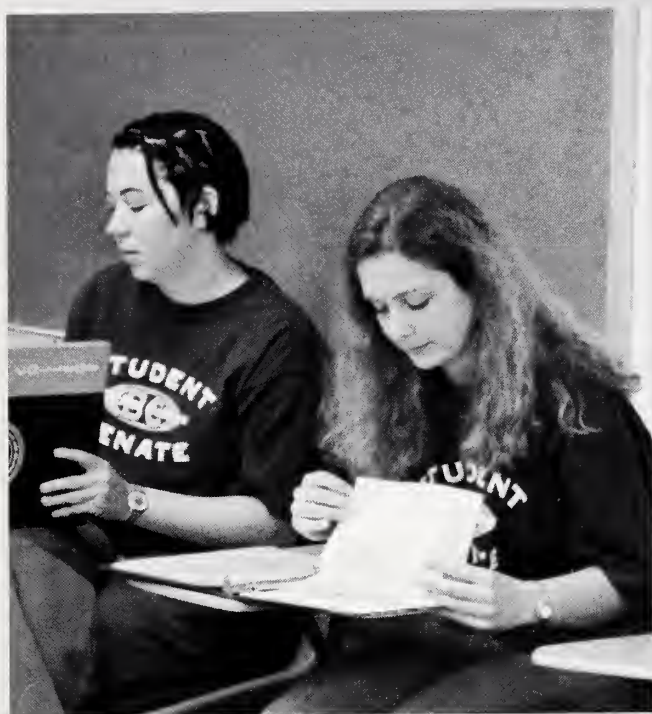
The Senate voiced student concerns to the administration regarding the housing policy for the new dormitory, created a new ID system, delivered old yearbooks

to alumni, created a budget surplus, rewrote the Constitution, and created a stronger rapport with the board of directors by helping with the pilot-recruiting project.

Many things were done and many new things were learned. The Student Senate's

mission to create change and progress was a huge success. With an enormous contribution of time and effort from many of Student Senate's members, sucuring this goal was made possible. The student senate has seen lots of changes and with a newly elected president and vice president great things are sure to come. By Jake Reid

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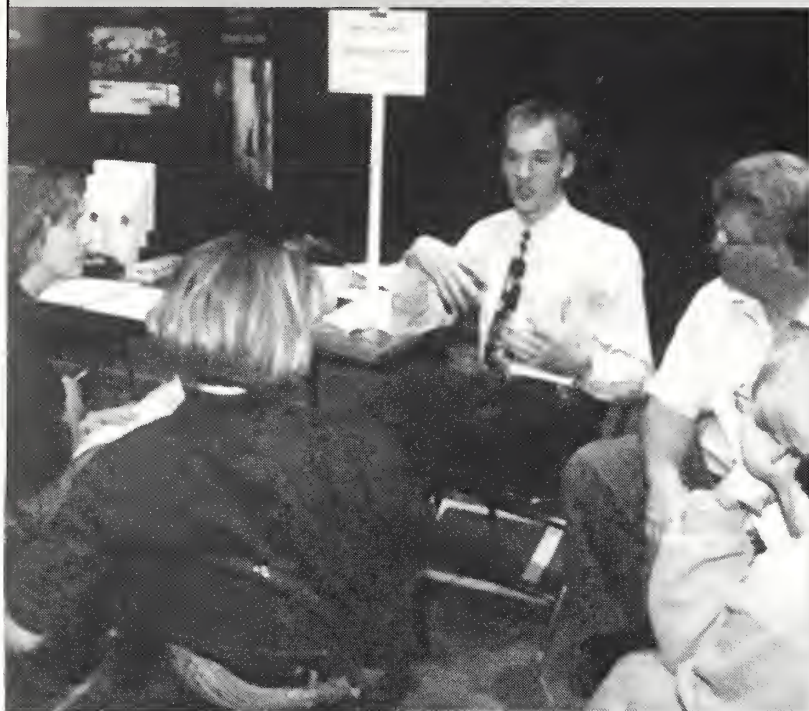


Top left: Junior **Kara Dixon** and sophomore **Krista Abrahams** were two of the representatives.

Top Right: The 1999-2000 Student Senate.

Above: Junior representative **Becca Claassen** gives a presentation.

Left: Freshmen representatives **Tina Troyer** and **Kendall Johnson** listen as President **Jake Reid** leads a Senate meeting.



Top Right. Sophomores **Heidi Fowler** and **Becky Esau** visit with Bethel Alumni at the SAA Career Night.

Top Left. **Tammy Ratzlaff**, **Sarah Bergkamp**, and **Monica Meyer** were stylin' at the SAB 80's dance.

Right. **Laurel Martens**, **Halie Schmidt**, **Wendy Allender**, and **Erin Huebert** got a bite to eat at the SAB picnic during Spring Fling week.

above: After students spoke with alumni at Career Night, SAA served soda and pizza for everyone to enjoy.

S^aA • S^Ab

With a record 86 members, SAA organized and produced a variety of events for the student body. Events included Career Night, Mud Slam Volleyball Tournament,

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a Leadership Banquet, Parents and Family Weekend, Grand-parents Day, Senior Week, Running of

the Green, a Christmas Party hosted by Jerry and Delora Decker, an End-of-the-Year Picnic, and participating in the Alumni Council Phon-a-thon.


Founder of SAA, Virgil Penner, began a job in downtown Newton following first semester. The association said goodbye and welcomed their new sponsor, David Linscheid.

SAB is a committee of students, lead by Ken Regier, that plans a variety of activities for students. In hopes to reach as many students as possible, they sponsor a range of activities from dances, to root beer floats on the green, to bowling, to tail gate parties.

A classic tradition are the "Anything Goes" games, in which teams compete in off-the-wall events for puke green T-shirts. This years motto was "Got Vomit"--and rightfully so. Running a relay that involved keeping a mixture of "pudding like" substances in your mouth and spitting them into a bottle held in another team member's mouth is one of the events that brought mild cases of nausea.

The motto the SAB staff lives by is "it's easier to ask for forgiveness than permission."





INTEREST • *clubs*

There were many different clubs in which students got involved on the BC campus. Nursing students joined BC-Kans-- the Bethel chapter of this national group. The club attended the state convention in October and hosted a booth at Fall Fest, where they sold funnel cakes for a fundraiser. They even had a tissue and organ donating week where ribbons were handed out to students at lunch.

Another interest club at Bethel is CLIO, the history club. This club was headed by history professor, Keith Sprunger. CLIO took a trip to the Cosmosphere in Hutchinson to watch the Ominmax movie, "Mysteries of Egypt". They also had a Halloween party, where people were encouraged to dress up as historical figures.

There were clubs for all walks of life and interests. Those who enjoyed numbers joined the math club. If they were looking for sports, then perhaps they joined the

Cross Country Club or the Cheerleading Squad.

Business and Accounting majors found their joy in the Business

Insight club. The Campus Ministries Team was in charge of planning and organizing the Thursday night Praise and Worship, and other spiritual life events.

There were several other interest groups on Bethel's campus, in addition to these. So, whatever your interest was, there were clubs to suit your fancy. By Kendall Johnson

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top right: (Cheerleaders) **Landi Gerheardt**, **Tammy Ratzlaff**, **Mike Castro**, **Stephanie Hetzke**, **Rhonda Pent**, **Elisa Ramberg**.

top left: **Stephanie Hetzke** and **Mike Castro** perfect their stunting skills during a practice.

above: BC Cross Country Team.

left: Senior **Peter Schlegel** crosses the finish line in a race in Wichita.



Top Left. The Peace Club protested the Iraq situation throughout the Newton community.

Top Right. Amnesty International held a Write-A-Thon.

Right. Sophomore **Joanna Toews** helped write letters at the Amnesty International Write-A-Thon.

Above: Freshman **Kristine Thimm** was another of the students who participated in the Write-A-Thon.



World • *awareness*

The Bethel College Peace Club's most significant contributing action this year was in response to the economic sanctions on Iraq. These sanctions were

BC imposed by the United Nations at the end of the Persian Gulf War. As a result of these decisions, the majority of the Iraqi citizens were rationed a meager diet of rice, beans, and bread.

Approximately twenty Bethel College students participated fully, or at least partially, in one week of eating heart-breaking ration proportions with which the Iraqis continually had to survive. By the end of the week, students were able to more meaningfully empathize with what the Iraqis had to deal to

a greater degree. Other actions during the week included letter-writing every day and a demonstration in front of Dillons.

Bethel College's Amnesty International Club held two major writing campaigns during the year. The Holiday Card Action was quite a success. With forty plus participants, the campaigning effort was strong. People wrote holiday cards to government officials wishing them a happy holiday and requesting the release of prisoners in Algeria, Mexico, Kuwait, and the list goes on.

The Write-a-Thon in spring had an even higher participatory rate. Students from Bethel College provided musical entertainment throughout the evening. Selections included everything from Bach to Honky Tonk. By Spencer Goertz-Giffen



Sports

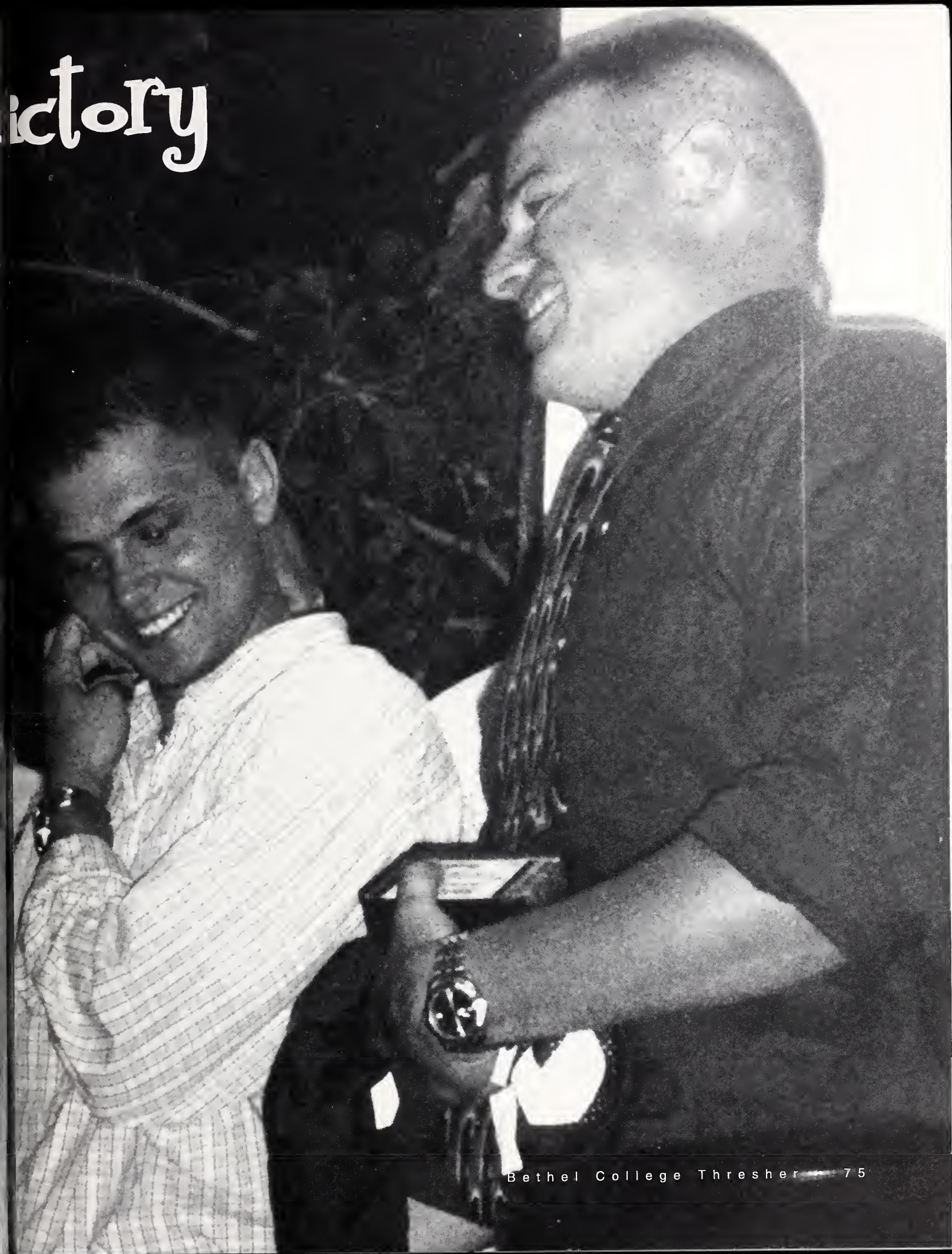


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FOOTBALL

The Threshers started out the 1999-season slowly, and with the devastating Fall Fest loss to Bethany College, the Threshers had a tough time recovering. The game, which came down to the wire, was eventually determined by an on-side kick.

The Threshers were forced to swallow another hard loss to Friends University in overtime, where it seemed they just could not run on all eight cylinders.

Bethel did, however, manage to earn victories over Tabor College, Kansas Wesleyan University, and Southwestern Assemblies of God, to complete the season on a high note.

There was one hump the Threshers struggled to overcome: the resignation of head coach George Papageorgiou. This situation took place right before the game against Southwestern Assemblies of God.

This shocking news hit Bethel's players extremely hard, but they overcame that adversity under the leadership of assistant coach Mike Moore, who stepped in to lead the Threshers. Quarterback Brent Martens went on to break the school record, rushing for over 343 yards in a game.

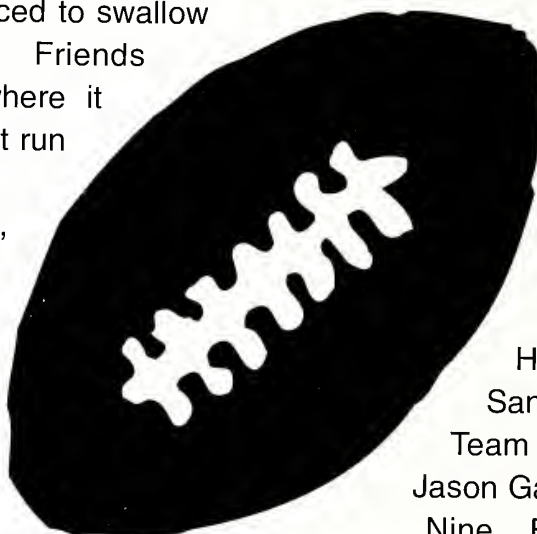
"The football season was very amusing, difficult, and frustrating at times," commented junior receiver Al Berganza, La Habra, Cal. "But in all, it made us emotionally, physically, and mentally stronger as a team."

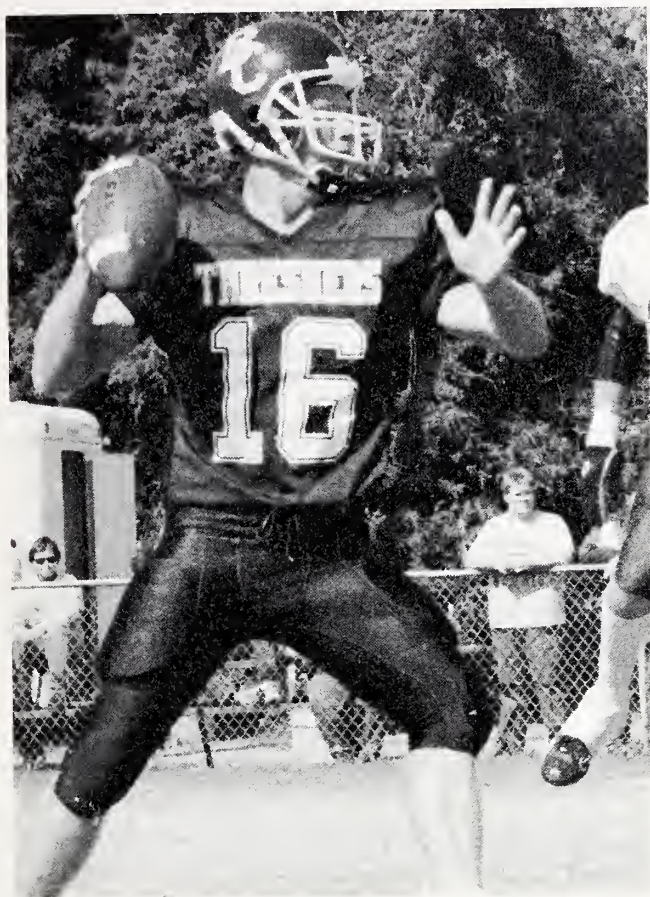
Moore coached the Threshers through the remainder of the '99 season, before being named head coach for the 2000-2001 year.

The Threshers' leadership came from First Team All-KCAC members, juniors Berganza, Tevita Hafoka, Kahului, Haw., and Doug DeGroot, San Antonio, Tex., and Second Team All-KCAC member junior Jason Gallagher, Denver, Col.

Nine Bethel players received Honorable Mention All-KCAC. They were seniors Dave Flores, Montclair, Cal., Chris Koehn, Hesston, Ed Mininger, Hesston, and John Tribuiano, Palo Alto, Cal., juniors Chris Lerma, La Habra, Cal., Brent Martens, Haven, and Adam Wittmer, Colony, sophomore Jason Ward, Italy, Tex., and freshman Howard Walter, Oklahoma City, Okla.

With a strong core of returners, the Threshers are chomping at the bit for next season. They hope to turn their 1999 3-7 record into a winning tradition for the year 2000. By Mike Bortoletto





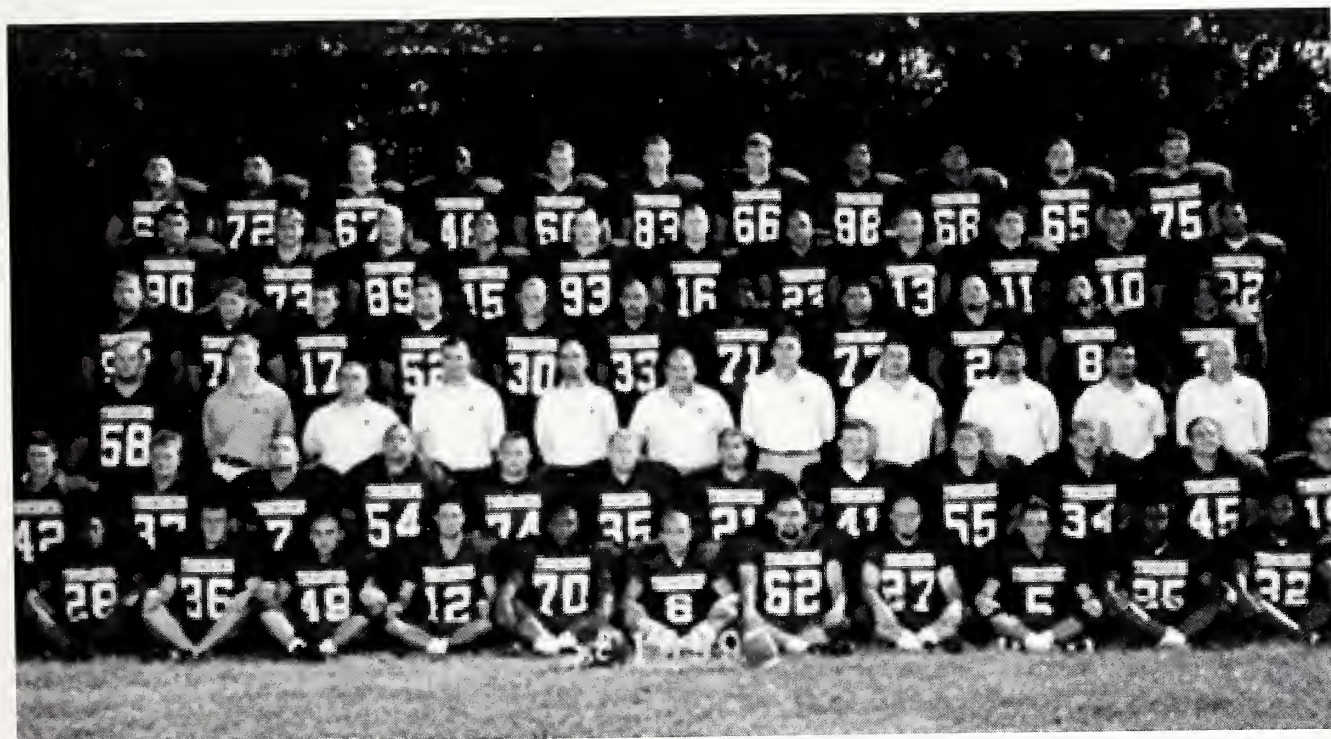
Bethel's quarterback, junior **Brent Martens**, prepares to pass the football before being sacked by his KCAC opponent.

<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Record</u>
@Mid Am. Nazarene U.	6-27	0-1
@McPherson College**	17-41	0-2
@Tabor College**	51-7	1-2
Bethany College**	32-36	1-3
@Friends University	21-27 (OT)	1-4
Southwestern College**	10-32	1-5
@Sterling College**	7-15	1-6
Kansas Wesleyan Uni.*	37-10	2-6
SW Assemblies of God	42-12	3-6
Ottawa University**	38-52	3-7

**KCAC Games

Overall: 3-7

KCAC: 2-6 (Tie 7th Place)



The 1999-2000 Bethel Thresher football team encountered strong adversity, but survived to finish with a 3-7 overall record.

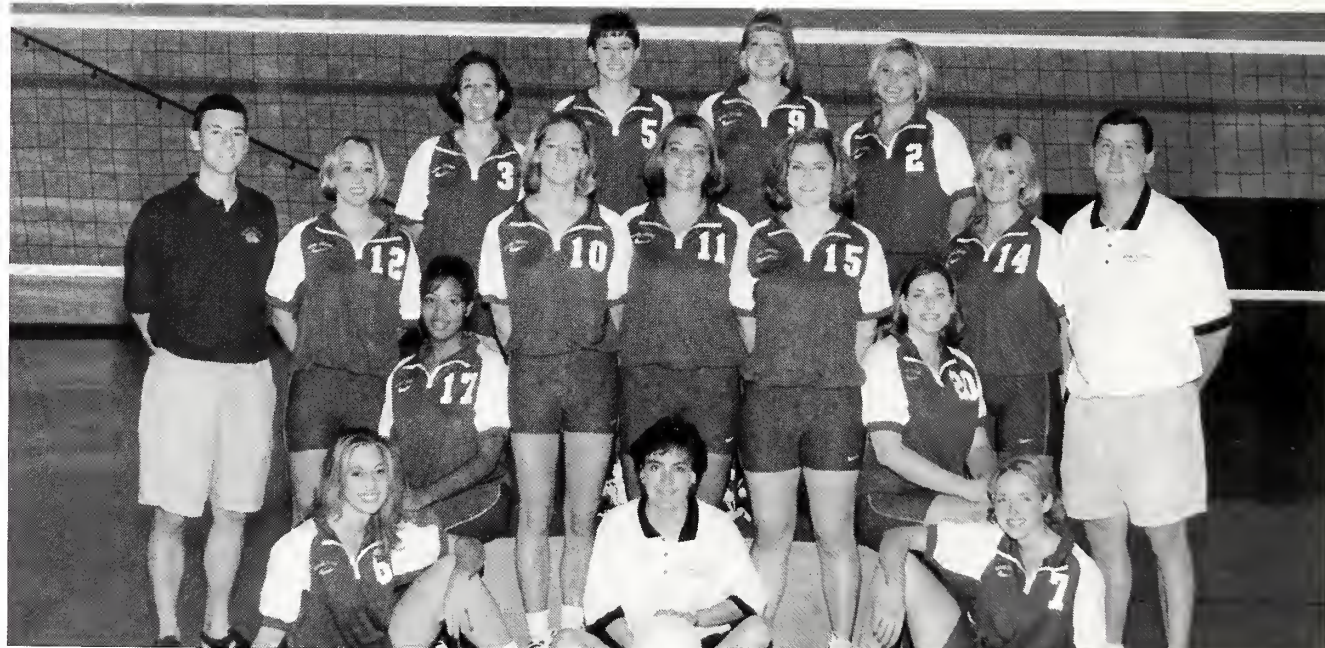
Senior **Carrie Penner** blocks the ball as her teammates **Rachel Janzen** and **Sarah Harton** look on.

Opponent	Score	Record
@ Fort Hays State University	0-3	0-1
Kansas Wesleyan University**	3-1	1-1
York College	3-2	2-1
@Tabor College**	3-0	3-1
Taylor College	0-3	3-2
Park College	3-0	4-2
Iowa Wesleyan University	0-3	4-3
St. Ambrose University	0-3	4-4
Southwestern College**	3-0	5-4
Southern Nazarene University	3-0	6-4
Baker University	1-3	6-5
Park College	3-1	7-5
York College	3-0	8-5
McPherson College**	3-0	9-5
@Friends University**	3-0	10-5
@Sterling College**	3-2	11-5
Ottawa University**	3-0	12-5
Bethany College**	3-1	13-5
@Kansas Wesleyan Uni.**	3-0	14-5
@Newman University	1-3	14-6
Tabor College**	3-0	15-6
Southwestern College**	3-2	16-6
College of St. Mary	0-3	16-7
@McPherson College**	3-0	17-7
Freinds University**	3-0	18-7
@Bethany College**	3-1	19-7
Sterling College**	3-2	20-7
@Ottawa University**	3-1	21-7
Ottawa University	3-0	22-7
Bethany College	3-1	23-7
Northwestern College	0-3	23-8

**KCAC Games

Overall: 23-8

KCAC: 16-0 (1st Place)



The 1999-2000 Bethel College volleyball team: (back) **Elisa Ramberg**, **Yvette Peters**, **Amy Fuqua**, **Stephani Friesen** (middle) **Jason Peters**, **Sarah Harton**, **Je'Taime Taylor**, **Rachel Janzen**, **Sarah Bergkamp**, **Carrie Penner**, **Ginger Trummel**, **Riann Hill**, **Chad Schilling** (front) **Trisha Clark**, **Bev Mayer**, **Shelese Stucky**.

Volleyball

In the 25-year history of KCAC volleyball, the Bethel College Threshers have been a dominant force, winning 15 conference titles and 3 postseason tournament titles. The 1999 version of the Thresher volleyball team contributed its own page to history as they finished the KCAC regular season with an undefeated 16-0 record.

After losing several admirable prospects and two starters from the previous year, the team had no choice but to begin the season with mindsets of determination and hard work. The Lady Threshers' hard work paid off as they lived up to the theme of the season: "Some will fall, but we will fly." The players came together with winning attitudes and the desire to fly. They swept right through the KCAC, ending in Ottawa with the 16th win and synching up a perfect record.

By winning the regular season title, the Threshers earned the right to host the KCAC postseason volleyball tournament. They faced the difficult task of having to beat two teams for a third time in the season to earn

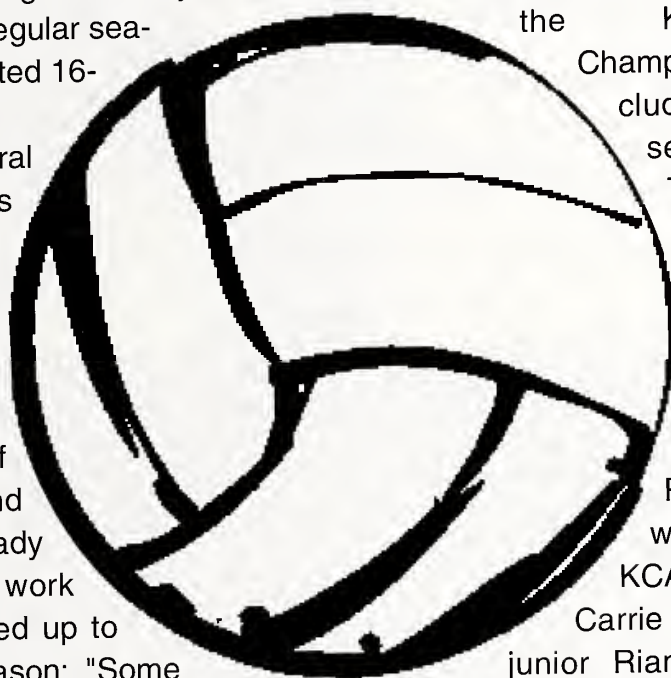
the tournament championship.

Bethel defeated Ottawa University (15-11, 15-4, 15-6) in the semifinals, while Bethany presided against Kansas Wesleyan 3-0. Bethel played Bethany in the final match of the tournament and won, 3-1, (12-15, 15-12, 15-12, 15-12), in an exciting match to capture

the KCAC Tournament Championship title. This concluded a flawless KCAC season for the Lady Threshers.

Bethel placed five players on the All-KCAC teams. Juniors Trisha Clark, Wichita, and Sarah Harton, Wichita, and senior Rachel Janzen, Marion, were named to the All-KCAC First Team. Senior Carrie Penner, Hillsboro, and junior Riann Hill, Hillsboro, were awarded All-KCAC Honorable Mention. Also, Clark was named the KCAC volleyball player of the year, and head coach Bev Mayer was named KCAC's volleyball coach of the year.

Due to the Lady Threshers finish in the KCAC, they earned a trip to the NAIA Region IV tournament held at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa. They lost to 11th ranked Northwestern College 3-0. The team ended the season 23-8. By Rachel Janzen



Women's Soccer

This was a season of rebuilding for the Bethel Women's Soccer team. The returning players were joined by five freshmen to construct a talented, but inexperienced team. They finished with a record of 5-3 in the KCAC. Although that is not as exceptional as in previous years, it still proved the women were winners.

"Even though our record wasn't as good as it has been in previous years," senior Erica Coulter, Wichita, commented, "this season produced a team with unity on and off the field."

The Threshers found strong leadership from their returning players and support from their bench. With sophomore Heather Stauffer, Littleton, Col., in the back, and junior Kelly Simmons, North Newton, in goal, the backline became the building block for Bethel's attack. The team looked to seniors Coulter and Celina Wilson, Libo, to step up and guide them to success.

However, by mid-season, Bethel's outlook seemed bleak. The team struggled with inexperience and injuries. Key player Kara Seeger, Ottawa, went out with a stress fracture, while co-captain Vanessa Leite,

Newton, tore her ACL.

"I think the inexperience at a college level and the amount of injuries we experienced kept us from achieving our best," said Wilson.

Coach Mark Yoder agreed. "I think we did well considering the fact that we had five freshmen in our starting line-up and two starters benched with injuries for more than half of the season."

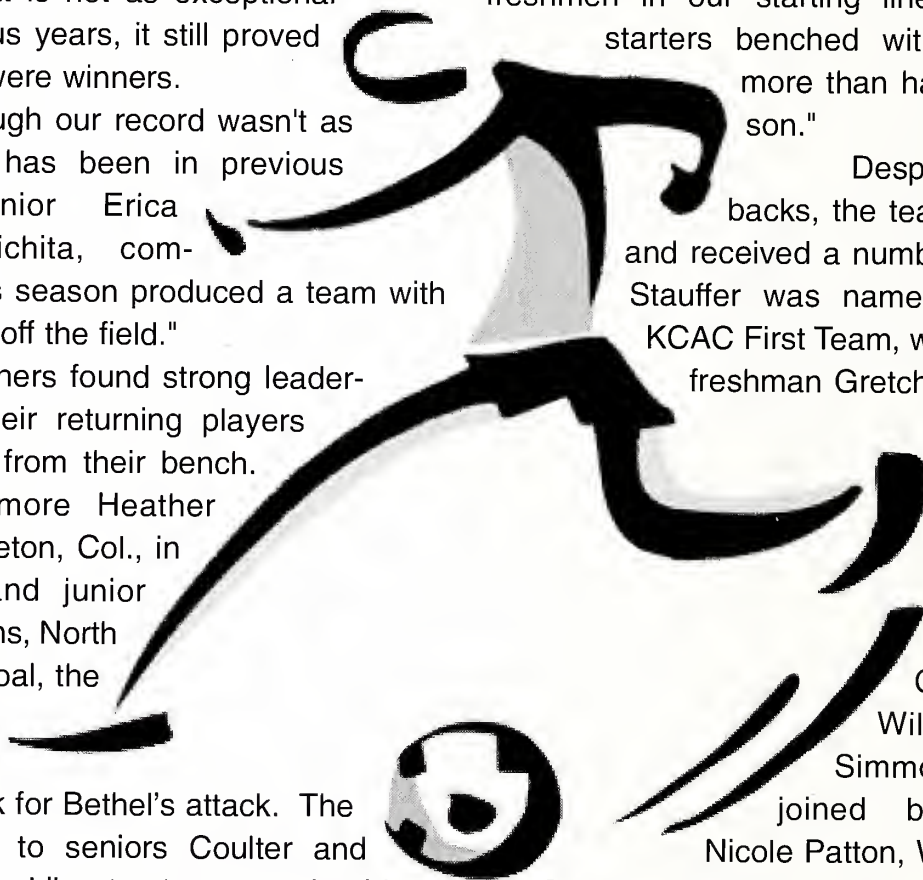
Despite these setbacks, the team responded and received a number of awards. Stauffer was named to the All-KCAC First Team, while Leite and freshman Gretchen Kauffman,

Castle Rock, Col., made the All-KCAC Second Team.

Coulter, Wilson, and Simmons, were joined by freshmen

Nicole Patton, Wichita, Emily Suter, Bluffton, Ohio, and Jenny Zimmerman, Wichita, on the All-KCAC Honorable Mention.

Coulter was named an All-American Scholar Athlete. In addition, the team was honored with a NSCAA Academic Team Award. By Kendra Stuever





Freshman **Nicole Patton** and junior **Kelly Simmons** practice up on their soccer skills.

<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Record</u>
Nebraska Wesleyan University	0-4	0-1
McPherson College	9-0	1-1
Southwestern College**	3-1	2-1
@ Ottawa University**	1-0	3-1
Sterling College**	3-2	4-1
Uni. of Arts & Sciences-Okla.	0-5	4-2
@ William Woods University	0-6	4-3
Tabor College	0-3	4-4
Concordia University	1-2	4-5
@ Tabor College**	1-2	4-6
Hastings College	0-6	4-7
@ Central Christian College-KS	1-3	4-8
Kansas Wesleyan University**	3-1	5-8
Bethany College**	2-3	5-9
@ Friends University**	1-9	5-10
@ McPherson College**	7-0	6-10
@ Doane College	1-5	6-11
Saint Mary College	0-1	6-12
@ Bethany College	0-2	6-13

**KCAC Games

Overall: 6-13

KCAC: 5-3 (4th Place)



The 1999-2000 Bethel College women's soccer team battled through a year of rebuilding to end the season with an overall record of 6-10.

Freshman **Ryan Abbott** battles with another player for the soccer ball.

Opponent	Score	Record
Nebraska Wesleyan University	0-4	0-1
McPherson College	5-1	1-1
Southwestern College**	3-2	2-1
@ Ottawa University**	2-0	3-1
Sterling College**	6-0	4-1
Okla. Uni. of Arts & Sciences	2-1	4-2
@ William Woods University	1-2-OT	4-3
Tabor College	2-1	5-3
Concordia University	3-1	6-3
@ Tabor College**	2-1	7-3
Hastings College	1-1-OT	7-3-1
Kansas Wesleyan University**	1-5	7-4-1
Bethany College**	0-0-OT	7-4-2
@ Friends University**	3-2	7-5-2
@ McPherson College**	2-3	7-6-2
@ Doane College	0-3	7-7-2
@ York College	0-2	7-8-2
Saint Mary College	2-1	8-8-2
@ Kansas Wesleyan University	1-2-OT	8-9-2

**KCAC Games

Overall: 8-9-2 KCAC: 4-3-1 (Tie 4th Place)



The 1999-2000 Bethel College men's soccer team fought valiantly throughout their fall season to finish 4th in the KCAC.

Men's Soccer

The Bethel College men's soccer team fought valiantly throughout their fall season in an attempt to defend last year's KCAC championship title. Their season consisted of a tremendous range of both high and low games. They started off with a bang, but eventually fell into a mid-season slump. Fortunately, they were able to pull themselves up again to finish the season the way they had begun.

The team entered the season head first, dominating the KCAC with a 4-0 record. They conquered Southwestern, Ottawa, Sterling, and Tabor, and then proceeded to easily humble non-conference teams Central McPherson, William Woods, and Concordia as well.

The Thresher kickers continued to fight, but fell short of victory in the remaining four conference games against Kansas Wesleyan, Bethany, Friends, and McPherson. They were able to pull together in the end, however, to conclude the season with a well-deserved win over Saint Mary College.

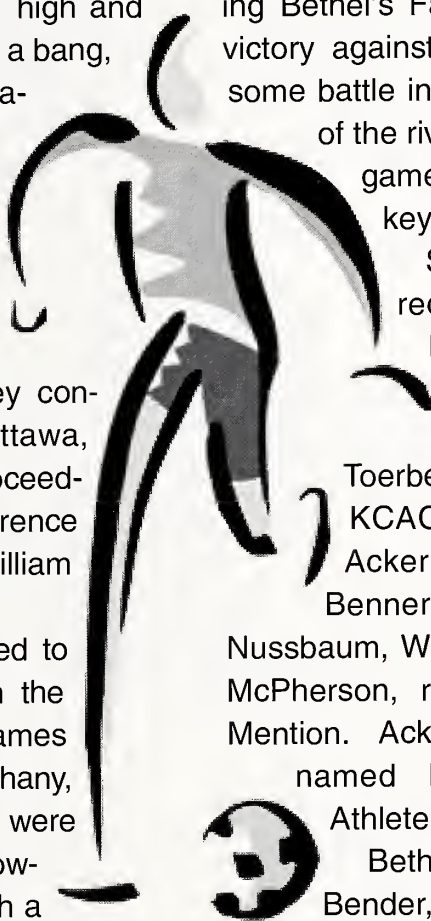
The team entered the first round of the KCAC against the Kansas Wesleyan Coyotes. They played an excellent game, which led into overtime and each team scored one goal. The game ended in heart-

breaking loss when a KW shot found the net in the third minute of overtime. This concluded Bethel's season with an 8-9-2 record.

Some season highlights included a crowd-pleasing win over Concordia University during Bethel's Fall Festival and a conference victory against Tabor College after a gruesome battle in Hillsboro. They stood on top of the rival Bluejays after a well-played game, despite the absence of some key players due to injury.

Several Thresher players received individual conference honors. Jeremy Bender, Wichita, was named All-KCAC First Team, while Scott Toerber, Newton, was awarded All-KCAC Second Team. Michael Ackerman, Denver, Colo., David Benner, Elizabethtown, Penn., Tim Nussbaum, Wichita, and Travis Stephenson, McPherson, received All-KCAC Honorable Mention. Ackerman and Bender also were named NAIA All-American Scholar Athletes.

Bethel loses four seniors next year; Bender, Aaron Pulscher, Toerber, and Matt Westerman. The team, however, is confident about its returning players. Bethel students can look forward to cheering them on next year on a new field recently seeded just east of the track. By Gretchen Noelle Kauffman



Women's Basketball

A new era of women's basketball began this year at Bethel College as Tracy Anderson was named the new head coach of the Lady Threshers. Looking to create a faster paced style of play, Anderson was faced with much adversity throughout the season. The women's season took a rocky 1-11 start, but eventually carried a record of 7-10 in 2000 to finish the season, despite a unfortunate lack of numbers.

The Lady Threshers finished the season with only eight healthy players and were even forced to play with seven in a couple games. Injuries heavily contributed to this lack in numbers. Juniors Jodi Rempel, Hesston, and Sheryl Fowler, Wichita, were both lost to knee injuries during the season. Rempel tore her ACL early on in practice and Fowler went out with a torn meniscus in February. Senior Lisa Heibert, Sedgwick, also was forced to sit out of the Tabor College home game due to a knee injury. Despite this adversity, the "Great Eight" were able to maintain a high level of competition, which was marked by their hard-nosed defense.

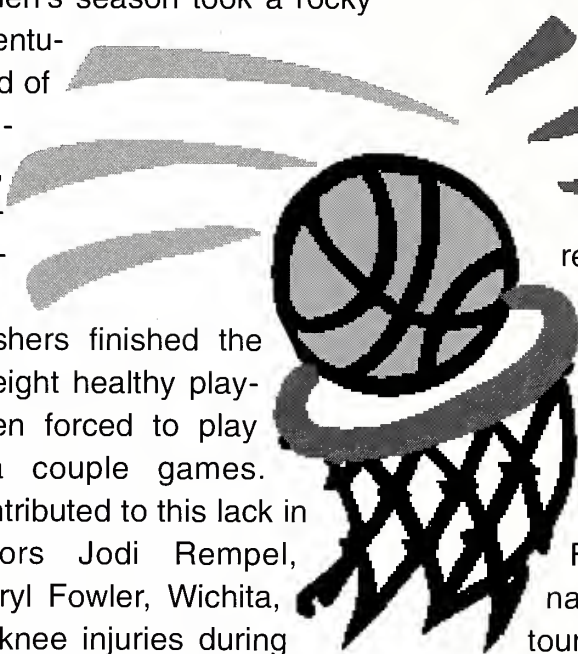
Bethel fans were provided with many exciting moments by both this year's team

and Coach Anderson's foot stomping. The Thresher season was marked by two thrilling victories over rival Tabor College, including a 60-31 victory in packed Thresher Gym during Parents' Weekend.

The season also was marked by the record-setting play of junior Ruth Harder, Hillsboro. Harder broke the all time assist record against Sterling College and finished the season with 334. She also broke her own single season assist record with 112.

The women's team nearly upset Friends University in the final regular season game, before losing by a mere one point. The season ended with a disappointing 55-41 loss to Friends Falcons in the quarterfinals of the KCAC post season tournament.

The Threshers lose only two players to graduation this year, DonLouise (Weezer) Martens, Larned, and Hiebert. Both players will be greatly missed for their play, their leadership and their friendship. Three players were honored by the KCAC. Harder was chosen to the All-KCAC First team and sophomores Erin Huebert, Henderson, Neb., and Spencer Goertz-Giffen, Goessel, were awarded All-KCAC Honorable Mention. By Sheryl Fowler





Senior **DonLouise Martens** guards an opponent as teammate **Spencer Goertz-Giffen** watches from behind.

Opponent	Score	Record
Bartlesville Wesleyan College	76-79	0-1
College of the Ozarks	57-62	0-2
John Brown University	34-82	0-3
Baker University	55-85	0-4
Newman University	71-81	0-5
Baker University	52-72	0-6
Bethany College**	66-89	0-7
Saint Mary College	66-55	1-7
Peru State College	46-80	1-8
Newman University	58-70	1-9
Sterling College**	65-90	1-10
Ottawa University**	57-63	1-11
Saint Mary College	84-69	2-11
Kansas Wesleyan University	49-29	3-11
Peru State College	51-67	3-12
Tabor College**	63-50	4-12
Southwestern College**	61-69	4-13
McPherson College**	81-72	5-13
Friends University**	53-58	5-14
Bethany College**	67-78	5-15
Sterling College**	60-73	5-16
Ottawa University**	61-76	5-17
Kansas Wesleyan University**	74-61	6-17
Peru State College	55-73	6-18
Tabor College**	60-31	7-18
Southwestern College**	51-78	7-19
McPherson College**	71-50	8-19
Friends University**	51-52	8-20
Friends University**	41-55	8-21

**KCAC Games

Overall: 8-21

KCAC: 6-11 (6th Place)



The 1999-2000 Bethel College women's basketball team: (back) **Matt Flaming**, **Roxy Beckerman**, **Spencer Goertz-Giffen**, **Erin Huebert**, **Je'Taime Taylor**, **Lisa Hiebert** (middle) **Tracy Anderson**, **Ruth Harder**, **Amy Fuqua**, **Sheryl Fowler**, **DonLouise Martens**, **Jodi Rempel** (front) **Laurel Martens**, **Kelly Simmons**, **Julia Washburn**, **Robin Tyner**, **Polly Graber**.

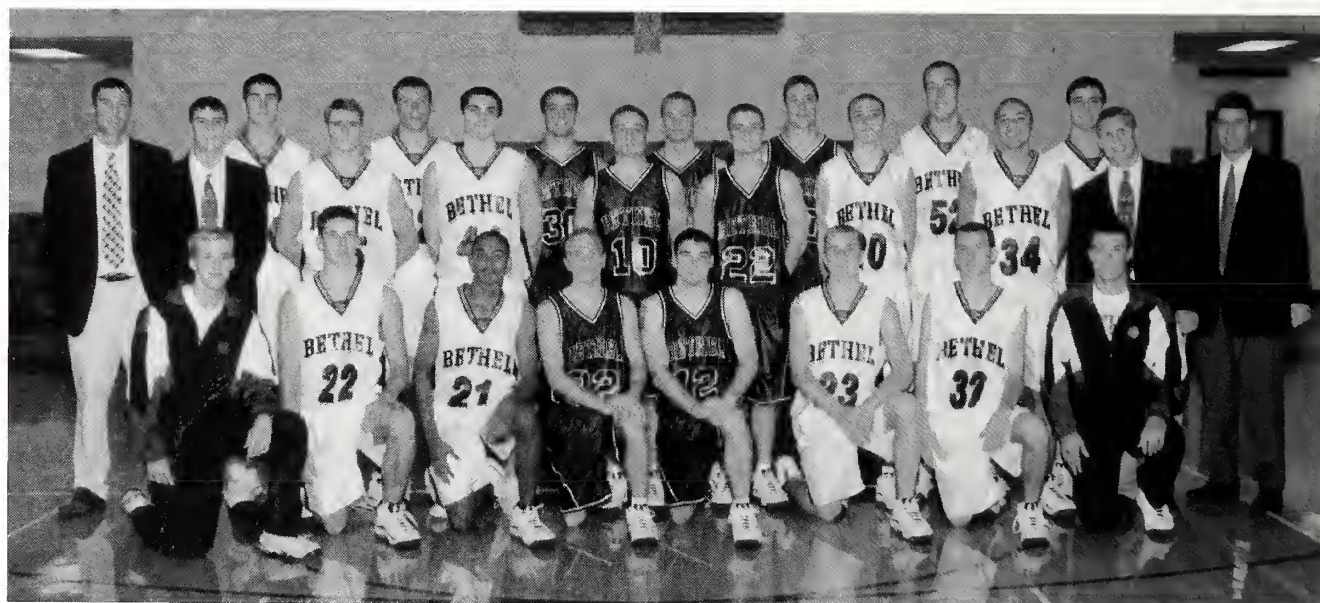
Senior **Brian Pyle** looks to pass the ball in one of the Threshers' home games.

<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Record</u>
SW College of Christian Ministries	70-67	1-0
Mid-America Bible College	77-78	1-1
Haskell Indian Nations University	85-70	2-1
Newman University	71-67	3-1
@Pittsburg State University	49-75	3-2
NW Oklahoma State University	66-70	3-3
Bethany College**	72-62	4-3
@Sterling College**	64-46	5-3
@Ottawa University	63-57	6-3
Southern Nazarene University	52-67	6-4
Oklahoma Christian University	64-82	6-5
@Central Christian College of Kansas	86-83	7-5
@Newman University	68-70	7-6
Kansas Wesleyan University	58-61	7-7
Central Christian College of Kansas	94-64	8-7
@Tabor College**	66-72	8-8
Southwestern College**	63-65	8-9
McPherson College**	59-72	8-10
@Friends University**	68-81	8-11
@Bethany College**	69-74	8-12
Sterling College**	67-78	8-13
Ottawa University**	76-74	9-13
@Kansas Wesleyan University**	75-103	9-14
Tabor College**	72-61	10-14
@Southwestern College**	73-76ot	10-15
@McPherson College**	63-57	11-15
Friends University**	72-61	12-15
@Friends University	54-60	12-16

**KCAC Games

Overall: 12-16

KCAC: 7-9 (6th Place)



The 1999-2000 Bethel College men's basketball team: (back) Mark Skinner, Dustin Edwards, Jarod Powell, Brian Pyle, Brad Thimm, Grant Siemens, Kevin Manning, Jake Childs, Gary Chupp (middle) Michael Widener, Garry Albright, Adam Utz, Aaron Stucky, Dave Hiebner, Derek Schutte, Jonathan Barideaux, Jason Martens (front) Mark Schmidt, Brett Klingenberg, Chez McGavock, Joel Smith, Tyler Hoopes, Brett Esau, Trent Barton, Nate Bartell.

Men's Basketball

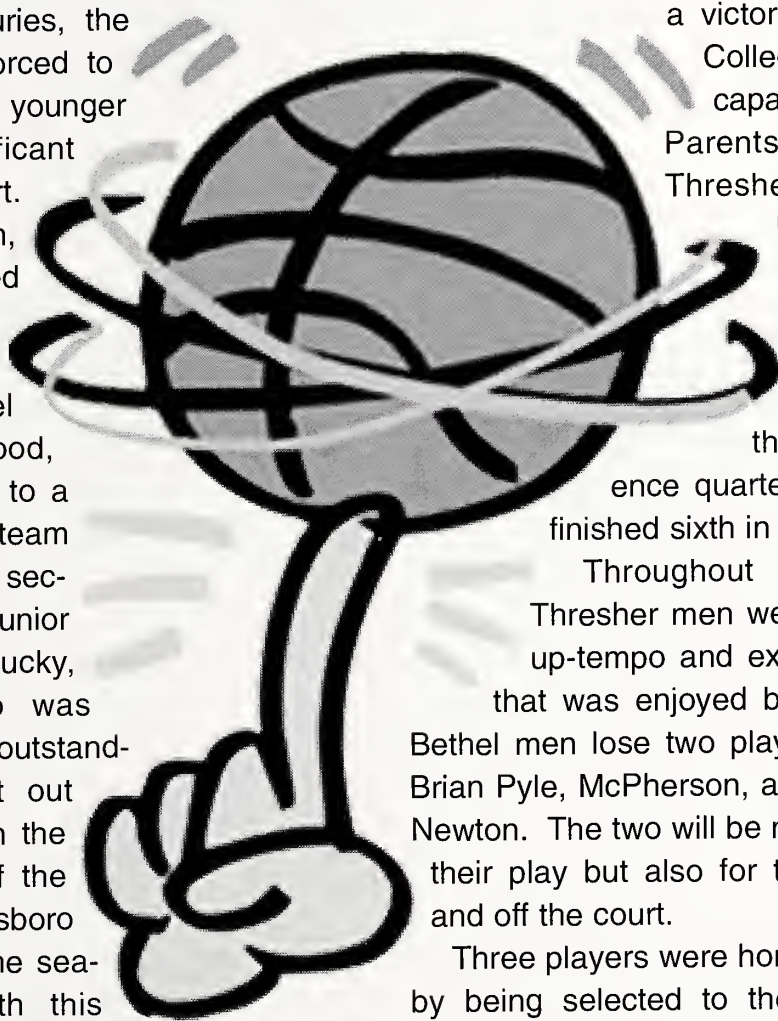
A young men's basketball team quickly gained experience under second year head coach Gary Chupp. With only two returning seniors and some unfortunate losses due to injuries, the team often was forced to rely heavily on its younger players for significant time on the court. Before the season, the team discovered they would be playing without senior Michael Widener, Ellinwood, who was lost due to a wrist injury. The team then was dealt a second blow when junior Aaron Stucky, Moundridge, who was looking to have an outstanding season, went out with a torn ACL in the closing minutes of the Tabor game in Hillsboro and was out for the season. Faced with this adversity, the Threshers started two freshmen and several other younger players saw significant court time throughout the season.

Highlights for the Thresher men include a

71-67 victory over Newman University in the Bethel Classic. This was the first victory for Bethel over the Jets since 1976 and marked what would be an up and down season for the Threshers. The Threshers also reeled in a victory over rival Tabor College in front of a full-capacity crowd during Parents' Weekend in Thresher Gym. The Bethel men finished the season 12-16 with a loss to the Friends Falcons during the KCAC conference quarterfinals. The team finished sixth in the conference.

Throughout the season the Thresher men were able to play an up-tempo and exciting style of play that was enjoyed by loyal fans. The Bethel men lose two players to graduation, Brian Pyle, McPherson, and Grant Siemens, Newton. The two will be missed, not only for their play but also for their leadership on and off the court.

Three players were honored by the KCAC by being selected to the All-KCAC Team. Freshman Adam Utz, Wichita, was named to the First Team, while Stucky and Pyle were both selected to Honorable Mention. Utz also was named the KCAC freshmen of the year. By Sheryl Fowler



Women's Tennis

The Thresher women didn't miss a beat under first year head coach Vance VanPelt this season. Van Pelt took over the Threshers tennis program following the retirement of longtime coach Marty Ward. The women captured their ninth consecutive KCAC Championship, their 11th title in the last 12 years.

The lady Threshers completed their fall season with a 5-0 record in the KCAC and an overall record of 8-1. The team picked up non-conference wins over Hutchinson Community College, nationally ranked (NJCAA) Barton County Community College, and NCAA II Emporia State University to complete an overall victorious season.

The women had successful tournament results as well throughout the fall. After winning their own Thresher Invitational, the women proved to be a dominant force in the National Rolex Qualifier. Senior Angela Brodhagen and sophomore Kristin Bohnenblust lost a close match in the finals of the doubles draw in Kansas City. In addition, Brodhagen was a semifinalist in the singles draw. Every member of the Thresher team won a match in either singles or doubles play that weekend.

The final tournament for the women was the KCAC Tournament in Wichita. A great display of dominance was demonstrated

over the KCAC opponents as the Threshers won six of nine flights in the tournament. Bethel reached the finals of every flight in the championship.

Four Thresher athletes earned All-KCAC honors this season. Brodhagen was named the KCAC Women's Tennis Most Valuable Player for the third consecutive season,

Bohnenblust and sophomore Jenika Schmidt were also named to the All-KCAC First Team, and freshman Megan Mowery was named All-KCAC Second Team.

Despite the extreme success the women experienced in the fall, the year ended on a bad note. In a new twist to the NAIA National Tennis Tournament qualifying process, the Threshers earned the #1 seed for their regional tournament in Lincoln, Nebraska. However, the women faltered in the four team round-robin, losing to Hasting College of Nebraska in the finals and ending their high hopes and expectations of Nationals in Lexington, Kentucky.

In addition to that unexpected disappointment, the Threshers learned of the surprise resignation of one year head coach VanPelt from the strongly established Bethel College tennis program.

Despite their upsetting frustrations, the young women's team had an outstanding year full of many notable victories.





Angela Brodhagen and **Kristin Bohnenblust** had a spectacular season at the top doubles position. They ranked in the top 25 in the NAIA.

<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Record</u>
Barton County CC	7-2	1-0
Sterling College**	9-0	2-0
Hutchinson Community CC	7-2	3-0
Tabor College**	8-1	4-0
Bethel Invitational	1st Place	
Washburn University	4-5	4-1
Friends Universtiy**	9-0	5-1
ITA Rolex	no team scores	
Bethany College**	6-3	6-1
Emporia State University	7-2	7-1
Southwestern College**	9-0	8-1
KCAC Championships	1st Place	
Nebraska Wesleyan	6-3	9-1
Baker University	8-1	10-1
Hastings College	8-1	11-1
Doane College	9-0	12-1
Hastings College	3-6	12-2

**KCAC Games

Overall: 12-2

KCAC: 5-0



The 1999-2000 Bethel College women's tennis team: (back) **Kristin Bohnenblust**, **Angela Brodhagen**, **Jenika Schmidt**, **Vance VanPelt**. (front) **Tina Troyer**, **Megan Mowery**, **Sarah Renich**.

Leading the Thresher attack were junior **Dave Baker** and sophomore **Jeff Clark**. Baker and Clark held the top spots for BC and finished third in the KCAC at the top doubles position.

<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Record</u>
Barton County CC	0-9	0-1
Washburn University	0-9	0-2
ITA Rolex	no team scores	
Seward County CC	1-8	0-3
Cornell College	4-5	0-4
Nebraska Wesleyan	3-6	0-5
Hastings College	0-9	0-6
Central McPherson	8-1	1-6
Tabor College**	1-8	1-7
Southwestern College**	4-5	1-8
Bethel Invitational	5th Place	
Friends University**	0-9	1-9
Sterling College**	7-2	2-9
Baker University	0-9	2-10
Bethany College**	1-8	2-11
Central McPherson	8-1	3-11
KCAC Championships	4th Place	

**KCAC Games

Overall: 3-11

KCAC: 1-4



The 1999-2000 Bethel Thresher Men's tennis team: **Chris Herman, Jeff Clark, Dave Baker, Zac Bartel, Coach Vance VanPelt, Brian Pyle**. Not pictured: **Brent Neufeld**.

Men's Tennis

The Bethel College men's tennis team started their season focused on winning their 11th consecutive KCAC title. However, with a couple of early losses of players who would have helped secure that title, the emphasis shifted to "rebuilding" the dominant Thresher tennis team.

Led by captains Jeff Clark and David Baker, the Threshers finished fourth in the KCAC. Like the women's team, the men competed with only six players all spring. Those six players showed a tremendous amount of improvement throughout the course of the year.

Every player on the team notched victories in the conference. The men's only conference win as a team this year came against Sterling College in early May by the score of 7-2.

At the conference tournament, the #1 doubles team of Baker and Clark finished third in a great field of top teams. Clark was the lone finalist on the singles side for the Threshers, finishing second at #2 singles.

Zac Bartel finished third in the #4 singles flight, while new team member and former

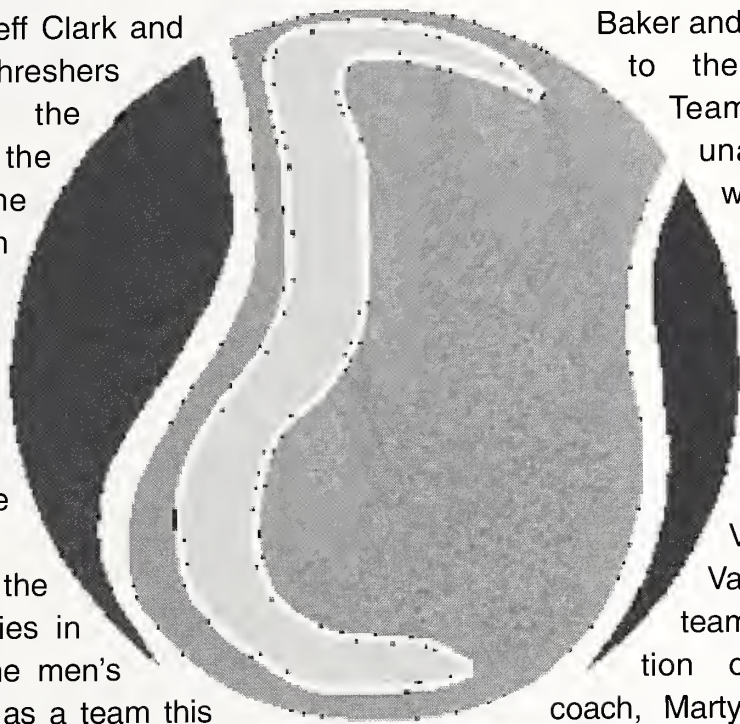
basketball player, Brian Pyle, played competitive tennis for the first time ever. With a great work ethic and superior athletic ability, Pyle finished third at #6 singles. In addition, he was responsible for many unforgettable Thresher memories as he helped keep the team morale high through a disappointing season.

Baker and Clark were chosen to the All-KCAC First Team. Baker was a unanimous choice, while also receiving the KCAC Sportsman of the Year award.

The Threshers were coached this year by former Bethel standout Vance VanPelt. VanPelt took over the team after the resignation of longtime head coach, Marty Ward last spring.

However, VanPelt handed in his own resignation at the end of the 1999-2000 season.

Despite his resignation, the men's team has a lot to look forward to next season. With a solid core of returning players, and the return of some top players who have been away from Bethel a year, the Threshers should once again be in the hunt for a KCAC title in 2001.



Women's Track

The 1999-2000 Bethel College women's track program continued to gain momentum both in numbers of participants and experience this season.

Each and every individual made impressive strides in their personal performances throughout. At the last meet, the KCAC Championships, which were held at Bethel, almost every healthy athlete of the team had a personal best or a season best.

"I think everyone made a lot of achievements both as a team and as individuals," senior Monica Meyer, Wichita, revealed.

The women's team had three sprinters, sophomore Laura Amstutz, La Junta, Colo., and freshmen Yvette Peters, Hillsboro, and Gretchen Kauffman, Castle Rock, Colo., two field event athletes, senior Celina Wilson, Lebo, in the high jump, and freshman Roxy Beckerman, Fowler, in the javelin, and five distance runners, senior Monica Meyer, Wichita, juniors Sonya Buller, Mt. Lake, Minn., and Tricia Oetinger, Hesston, and sophomores Helen Dick, Bloomington, Ill., and Joanna Toews, North Newton.

The biggest story of the women's team was the impressive season for freshman Yvette Peters. She placed in all three sprint

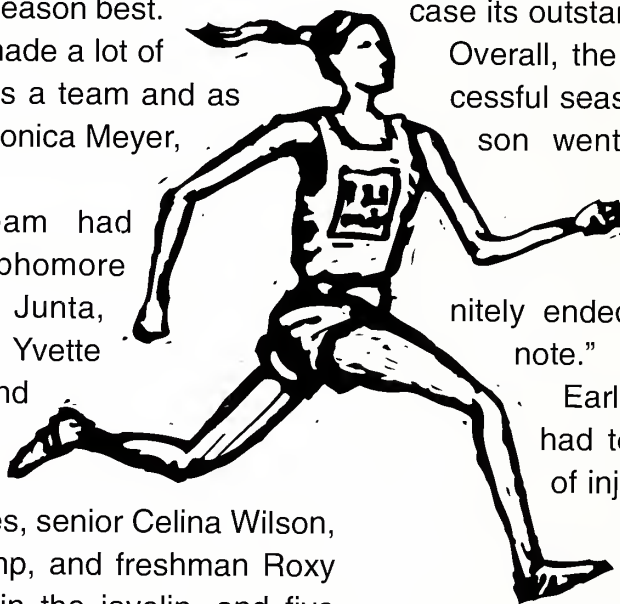
events, the 100m, 200m, and 400m, in almost every meet. She was the KCAC Champion in the 400m with a time of 57.93, just .10 of a second shy of the national NAIA automatic qualifying time. This gave her the 18th best NAIA time in the nation in the 400m.

Another highlight of the women's season was hosting the KCAC Championship meet. This gave Bethel the opportunity to showcase its outstanding track and field facility.

Overall, the lady Threshers had a successful season. "Really I think the season went pretty well," commented Beckerman. "We had to struggle through quite a few problems, but definitely ended the season on a higher note."

Early in the season, the women had to make it through a series of injuries. Toews was bothered by hip problems, while Dick and Kauffman both struggled with knee injuries. In addition, Peters consistently ran through shin splints.

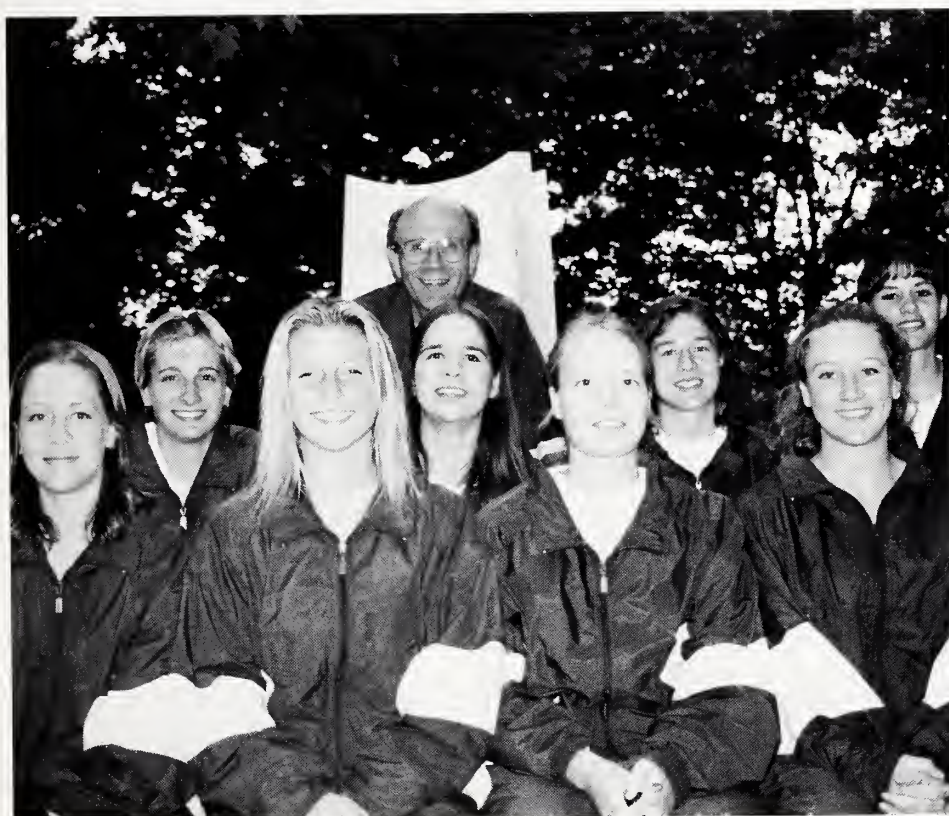
Despite their challenges this year, the women's track team gained valuable experience for future seasons. With several new talents, they look to build on their performances from this season and find more success next year.





Freshman **Gretchen Kauffman** just edges out a Bethany competitor for the win in the 100m dash.

<u>Meet</u>	<u>Results</u>
Southwestern College Invitational	Cancelled due to weather
Bethany College Swede Invitational	7th (out of 12 teams)
ACCK Meet @Tabor College	4th (out of 6 teams)
KT Woodman @ Wichita State University	No team scores kept
Tabor College Invitational	12th (out of 13 teams)
Friends University Invitational	8th (out of 9 teams)
Southwestern College Relays	No team scores kept
KCAC Championships @ Bethel College	8th (out of 9 teams)
Emporia State Twilight Qualifier	
NAIA National Championships	

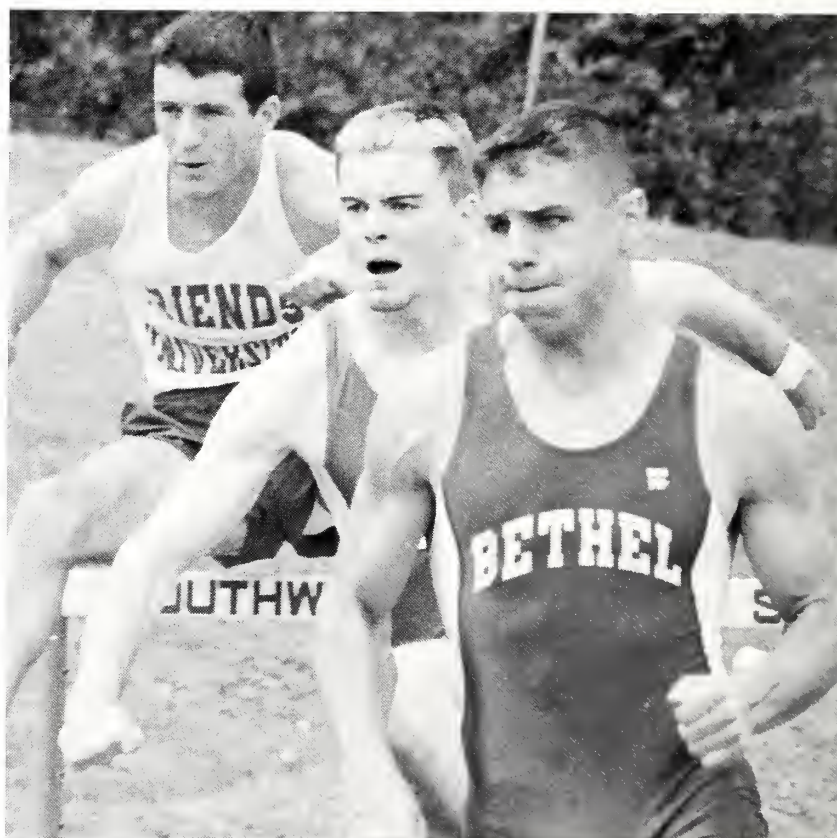


left. The team: 1st row (l-r): **Helen Dick, Monica Meyer, Celina Wilson and Gretchen Kauffman** 2nd row: **Laura Amstutz, Tricia Oetinger, Sonya Buller, and Yvette Peters** 3rd row: **Coach Gerry Sieber** Not Pictured: **Roxy Beckerman and Joanna Toews.**
right. Freshman **Yvette Peters** runs to the win in the 400m dash.



Junior **Jason Gallagher** gains momentum before releasing the discuss. Gallagher qualified for Nationals for the second consecutive year.

<u>Meet</u>	<u>Results</u>
Southwestern College Invitational	Cancelled due to weather
Bethany College Swede Invitational	6th (out of 12 teams)
ACCK Meet at Tabor College	4th (out of 6 teams)
KT Woodman at Wichita State University	No team scores kept
Tabor College Invitational	6th (out of 13 teams)
Friends University Invitational	6th (out of 9 teams)
Southwestern College Relays	No team scores kept
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Emporia State Twilight Qualifier	
NAIA National Championships	



left: Senior **Peter Schlegel** grimaces as he clears the hurdle in his race at the Bethany College Swede Invitational.

right: Junior **Doug DeGroot** pulls away from the pack in the 400 intermediate hurdles.

Men's Track

The 2000 Bethel College men's track team had a wonderful year. With a number of new faces added to the team, Bethel competed well in the KCAC. The addition of junior Al Berganza, La Habra, Cal., freshman Jason Auernheimer, Moundridge; junior Christopher Lerma, La Habra, Cal., junior Greyson Barger, Sedgwick; and freshman Zack Westhoff, Walnut, helped the Threshers find success.

Early in the season, the Threshers were hit hard by injury, but came back strong in the final conference meet of the year. Bright results sprung from the addition of Berganza and Lerma in the sprinting, and Auernheimer, Barger, and Westhoff in the field events.

With a solid nucleus of returners, led by junior Doug Degroot, San Antonio Tex., the Threshers had the opportunity to win a lot of events in the sprinting department. Degroot, who qualified for the NAIA Nationals in the 400 intermediate hurdles with a time of 53.6 seconds, will compete at Nationals for the second consecutive year.

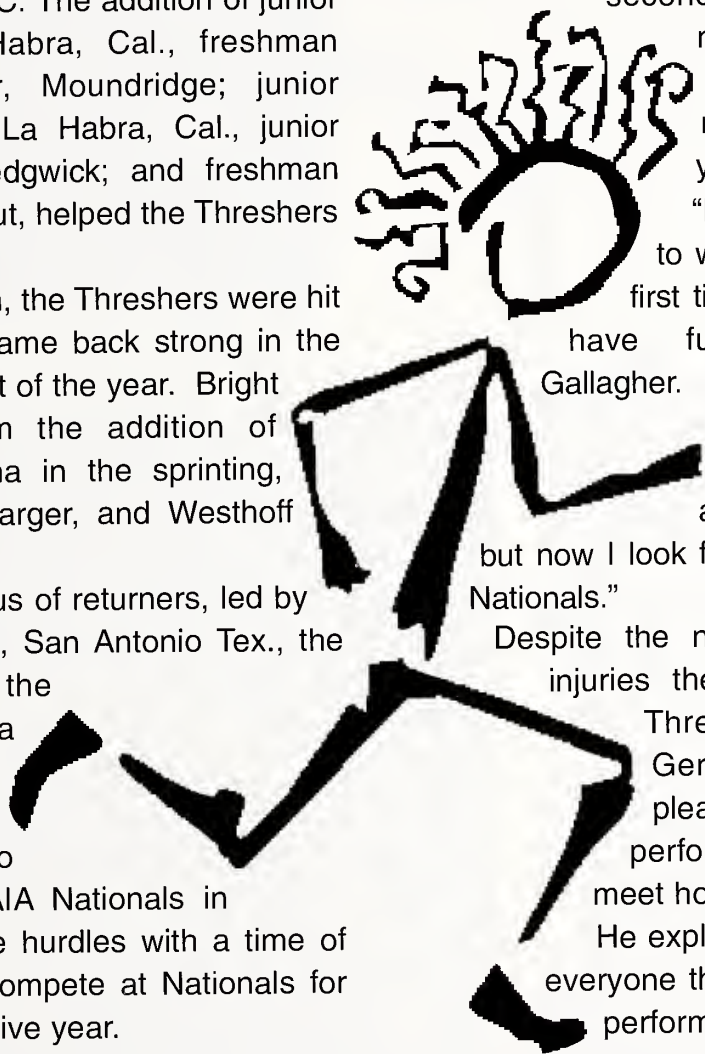
The field events were led by junior Jason Gallagher, Denver Col., in discuss, junior Mike Bortoletto, Citrus Heights, Cal., in both shot put and discus, and junior Chris Friesen, Henderson, Neb., in shot put.

Along with Degroot, Gallagher qualified to compete at the NAIA Nationals in Abbotsford, Canada in the discus with a mark of 159' 0". This also will be Gallagher's second consecutive NAIA meet. Both men look to improve on their results from last year's meet.

"It was extremely nice to win conference for the first time, and all I did was have fun," commented Gallagher. "The season was too short, though. I would liked to have attended more meets, but now I look forward to returning to Nationals."

Despite the numerous unfortunate injuries the team encountered, Thresher head coach Gerry Sieber was very pleased with his athletes performances at the KCAC meet hosted by Bethel.

He explained, "I was proud of everyone this year and how they performed. Actually, I think next year there probably will be a few more athletes that will qualify for Nationals and we should compete very well if everyone is able to stay healthy." By Mike Bortoletto



Intramural Champions

The 1999-2000 intramural season started with high expectations and many new activities planned. With the help of T.J. Helling, Adam Wittmer, Robbie Bolton, and the student body, intramurals turned out exceptionally well.

The year began with the annual whiffle-ball. The final championship team consisted of Brian Zerger, Todd Zerger, Joel Smith, Pat Flaming, Aaron Stucky, Casson Schmidt, Monica Meyer, Kristin Bohnenblust, Vanessa Leite, and Heather Stauffer.

One of the new intramural activities added to the agenda for 99-00 was indoor ultimate frisbee contest. The prestigious title was taken by CJ Friesen, Dan Stucky, Emily Suter, and Jeff Weber.

The guys' and girls' three on three basketball tournament was held over interterm. The female winners of this high turnout sport were Monica Meyer, Riann Hill, Kelly Simmons, Rachel Janzen, Ginger Trummell, and Trisha Clark. On the guys' side, James Beckmon, Brent Martens, Kirk Boster, Jason Martens, and Lee Smith captured the victory.

The spring semester was host to the famous men's five on five. It was an exciting season with a total of eight teams. After the long, hard fought season the final winners were TJ Helling, Dave Flores, Chris Pagoyo,

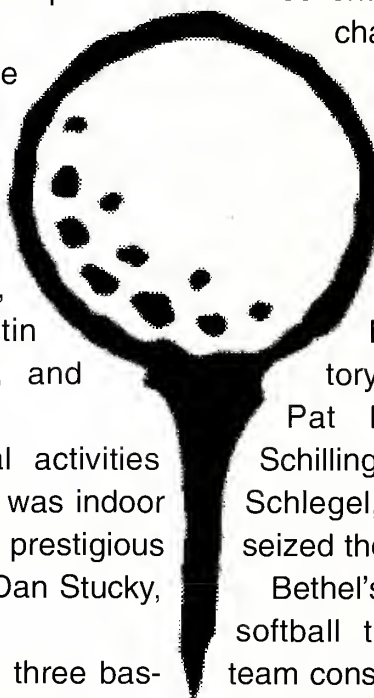
Robert Alvarez, Chris Lerma, Dave Arrellano, Ben Benividez, and Andy Ortiz.

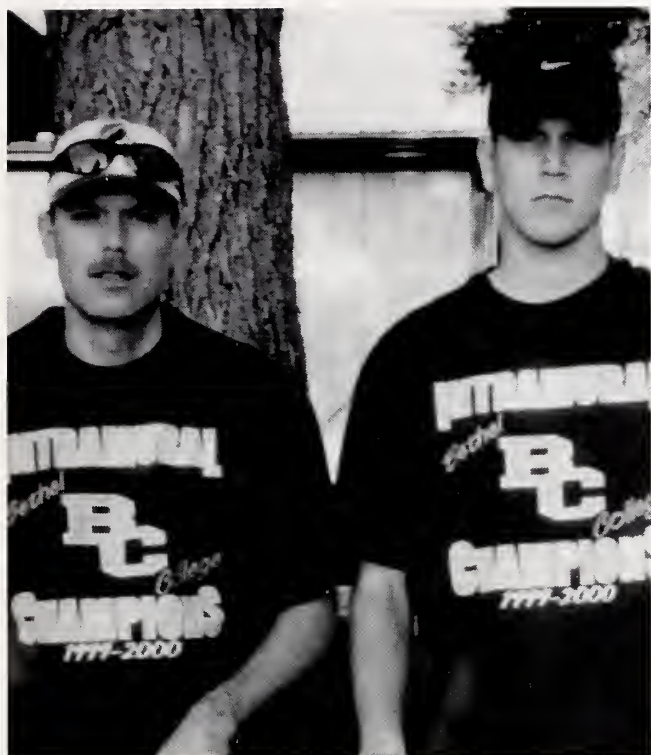
In the women's action, Yavette Hunter, Polly Graber, Tina Schmidt, Je'Taime Taylor, Lori Finkner, Shelly Weibert, Roxy Beckerman, and Kate Becker were the champions.

Volleyball proved to be a competitive final for both the men and women. Shirley Dietzel, Heidi Fowler, Haile Schmidt, Erin Huebert, Becky Esau, Kristin Bohnenblust, Krisha Keimig, and Megan Goering pulled out the victory in the end for the women, while Pat Flaming, Jason Peters, Chad Schilling, Zac Bartel, Mark Symns, Peter Schlegel, Jonas Hart, and Dave Baker seized the men's title.

Bethel's intramural season ended with a softball tournament. The championship team consisted of Jason Ward, who lead the tournament with 3 homers, Zach Querubin, Jason Gallagher, Mike Modich, Zack Westhoff, Mike Bortoletto, Brad Hoover, Riann Hill, Monica Meyer, Adam Utz, and Jarod Powell.

It was an exciting year of intramural action. The changes proved to have been both good and bad. Who knows what next year holds? The intramural staff would like to thank you for your involvement in this year's action and hopes you will be involved in the up coming seasons. By T.J. Helling





Gregg Dick and **Kirk Boster** shine with excitement after winning the golf tournament.

<u>Intramural</u>	<u>Champion</u>
tennis	Mark Schmidt (singles) Nick Enz & Rachel Yoder (doubs)
pool	Zach Westhoff
foosball	Chris Phillippe
James Bond 007	Randall Bethea
Chess	Randall Bethea
Badminton	Wayne Wiens (singles) Jason Peters/Renae Schmidt (doubs)
Golf	Kirk Boster & Gregg Dick Ruth Harder & Annie Thompson
Ping-pong	Lee Smith (singles) Lee Smith & Dave Zerger (doubs)
Women's Flag Football	Polly Niehage, Wendy Allender, Tina Troyer, Melanie Wright, Kelly Simmons



left: **Monica Meyer, Trisha Clark, Ginger Trummel, Rachel Janzen, Kelly Simmons, and Riann Hill** were on this year's 3-on-3 winning team.



right: Wiffle-ball Champions: **Joel Smith, Todd Zerger, Vanessa Leite, Casson Schmidt, Heather Stauffer, Pat Flaming, Aaron Stucky, Monica Meyer, Kristin Bohnenblust, and Brian Zerger.**

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